



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

Board/Commission/Committee: Investment Committee

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Length of Residence in Sitka: 37 years Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No

Employer: Reif's Hammers & Pipes and Sitka Sea Roamer Charters (self employed)

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Assembly of the City & Borough of Sitka, Alaska Longline Fisherman Association, Southeast Charter Boat Association, Southeast Regional Dive Association,

Explain your main reason for applying:

Please see the attached letter of interest

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

Please see the attached letter of interest

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: October 1, 2014 Signature: _____

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. Applications received after the deadline will be considered but will not be included in the Assembly packets for review prior to appointment.

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:
Sara Peterson, Deputy Clerk
100 Lincoln Street
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Email: sara@cityofsitka.com

Letter of Interest

Investment Committee Application

Mike Reif

Fifty nine years ago I was born in East Detroit, Michigan. Early in life I worked for my father in a number of the residential building trades. It was college at Michigan Technological University that provided me the opportunity to leave the large city and pursue a passion of earning a BS degree in Forest Management. That degree was my ticket to a dream opportunity in Sitka and seasonal employment with the Forest Service in 1977, working in the remote regions of the Tongass. That experience led me to further my forestry career and schooling in Eastern Washington, completing graduate studies from which I earned a certificate in Forest Silviculture. I enjoyed my time down South, but a place named Sitka was luring me back.

In 1981, I returned to Sitka and have remained ever since, 35 plus years now. Sitka was alive with opportunities and I was young and ambitious with an entrepreneurial spirit. It was not long before I created Reif's Hammers & Pipes, a residential home building and mechanical "plumbing & heating" business enterprise. After over 20 years as a thriving business, the home building accomplishment I am most proud of is receiving the "Alaskan Craftsman Builder of the Year Award in 1991 for outstanding construction of energy efficient homes." It was also a proud moment in 2002 when our innovative heating system was featured in a national trade journal. In addition to these land based businesses, the oceans surrounding Sitka also beckon me.

After years of sport fishing and being a deck hand, in 1991, I had a small boat built and started another business, Sitka Sea Roamer. It is a business that keeps me on the ocean engaged in both charter and commercial fishing. I enjoy sharing Sitka's beauty with visiting charter guests, and working with our fishing industry in the harvest of halibut and black cod, and diving for sea cucumbers. In addition to work, Sitka is a great community to volunteer.

I have a passion to volunteer in local city governance. From 1991-1994, I was a member of the Sitka Assembly and Deputy Mayor for two years. For many years I was a member of the Sitka Planning and Zoning Commission, serving both as a member and Chair. I was also the Chairperson to the Sitka Charter Review Commission in the mid 90's and for years a member of the Sitka Investment Committee. Very recently, I was a member of the Sitka Assembly with my term expiring just minutes before you consider me for another opportunity to work for this community. Also I have been inspired by fellow Sitkans to serve overseas. Prior to my most recent term on the Assembly, I have volunteered in both the Philippines and Cambodia.

What I hope the snap shot of me present above reveals is a person who has been successful as a self employed business person every year for 33 years and also has been dedicated in volunteering to various boards, commissions, committees, & Assemblies of the City and Borough of Sitka for close to 20 years. That combination of experience is important as we solidify the future of the Sitka Permanent Fund and other City assets to provide for the needs of the community both today and tomorrow. I hope to be a member of your Investment Committee to follow the directives of the Assembly and provide solid recommendations for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted to the Assembly
Mike Reif