



March 29, 2016

TO:  
Planning Board candidates. Two-year.1 seat  
Anne Hogeland  
Chris Kapiloff  
Bruce MacDonald

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Planning Board candidates. Five-year.1 seat  
Lindsay Errichetto  
Sarah Gardner  
Susan Puddester

Dear Candidate for Williamstown Planning Board,

As you know, there are six people vying for two seats on the Williamstown Planning Board in the May 10 town election. This is going to be a hotly contested election, and there are important issues and projects facing the Board and the town. I am the Editor of *The Greylock Independent*, a monthly journal and website published by Citizen Media, Inc. (a 501(c)3 membership organization), and we plan to hold a public forum featuring Planning Board candidates, on Wed., April 6, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Williamstown Elementary School auditorium. We're inviting you to participate in this forum, which we will publicize to Willinet, *The Berkshire Eagle*, iBerkshires, and *The Greylock Independent*.

Here is what we have in mind.

1) Each candidate submits (1) a 300-500 word candidate statement —whatever you want to say—plus (2) a short bio statement, and emails these to us, at [news@greylockindependent.com](mailto:news@greylockindependent.com). We will publish these on our website in advance of the April 6 forum. Deadline for submission of your statements is Monday, April 4. You can read the other Planning Board candidates' statements on our site at [www.greylockindependent.com](http://www.greylockindependent.com).

2) Format of forum:

- Prior to the forum, we are encouraging candidates to email questions to us, at [news@greylockindependent.com](mailto:news@greylockindependent.com), based upon the other candidates' statements we've published on our website.
- At the forum, we will hand out to all candidates, each other's 300-500 word statement.
- At the forum, the candidates will each make a 90-second statement on why they are running.
- Each candidate will be invited to ask ONE question of the other candidates.
- Moderator: Bill Densmore. Bill will ask one or two questions, based on both the emailed questions from the candidates and his own ideas. His general intention is to moderate a discussion among the candidates.

We are eager to put on this forum, which will be an important contribution to informing the voters prior to the May 10 Town Election. Thank you for your participation.

Tela Zasloff  
Editor, *The Greylock Independent*

For your reference:

“The Planning Board is a board created by the Town with specific duties set forth in state law. The primary mission of the Board is two separate but complimentary processes. One is the preparation from time to time of plans and studies relevant to the future fabric of the community. Studies that focus on land use, housing, recreation and conservation, and business development are all relevant as is the community’s comprehensive master plan. Complimenting this mission is the board’s responsibility for enforcing the subdivision control act in the community and reviewing all proposals for zoning bylaw amendments as well as proposing bylaw amendments of its own. While not required by law good planning practice argues that these acts should always be performed with community support and within the vision prescribed by the plans and studies prepared by the Board.” <http://www.williamstown.net/2162/Planning-Board>

