

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2013

TO: Town Commission

FROM: Susan Smith, Town Liaison to the Retirement Systems Boards

SUBJECT: Ratification of Appointment of At-Large Police Officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees Member

The term of office for the Police Officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees At-Large representative expired on October 31, 2013.

Advertisements were placed in the Longboat Key News and the Longboat Key Observer soliciting applications from interested individuals.

On September 30, 2013, the Police Officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees met to elect an At-Large representative, of which, one candidate applied. Rabbi Peter Kasdan was elected to serve a two-year term, Seat 5, effective from November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2015.

Per the operating rules of each of the retirement plans, upon selection of the At-Large representative, the Town Commission shall, as a ministerial duty, ratify the appointment of the individual to the Board of Trustees as its fifth Trustee. A copy of Rabbi Kasdan's application is attached for your review.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

TOWN BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Longboat Key Town Commission recognizes that citizen participation is a vital component of a vibrant democratic local government. The Town also recognizes the unique contributions made by volunteers and encourages involvement in local government through service on a Town Board or Committee.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Name of Advisory Board/Committee for which you are applying:

1. POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2. _____
3. _____

Name: RABBI PETER KASDAN

Address: 2020 HARBOURSIDE DR. #441 City/State LONGBOAT KEY Zip 34228

Alternate Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (Home) 387-2188 (Cell) 400-0823 (Fax) _____
(Work) _____ Preferred Contact # Home Cell Work ()

E-Mail Address: pekondan@verizon.net

Are you: Longboat Key Registered Voter? Yes No _____

Please circle the months you would be available for meetings:

Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

Occupation: RABBI EMERITUS, CHARITABLE GIFTS CONSULTANT,
(If retired, please indicate former occupation or profession.)

Are you currently serving on any Town Boards or Committees? Yes No _____

If yes, please provide the name of the Board or Committee:

1. POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2. _____

The Town Code requires appointments to the following Boards to be persons who are residents and registered voters of the Town of Longboat Key: Code Enforcement Board, Planning & Zoning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment.

No person may serve on more than one of these boards concurrently. (These requirements do not apply to appointments to ad hoc committees.)

Complete the following: Please describe those facets of your background/experience that you feel may be useful for membership on this Board/Committee.

What do you feel you can contribute to the committee to which you are applying?

While I was still active in a congregation, I served as one of three Chaplains for the Livingston, New Jersey PBA. In that capacity I represented the Jewish Community and served as an Advisor to individual members of the local PBA, participated in special Town-wide programs and, where necessary, co-officiated at funeral/memorial services.

Our son-in-law served as a Deputy Sheriff for four years (Essex County, N.J.) and served as a Detective in the Hudson County, N.J. Prosecutors Office on its Narcotics Task Force Trial Team, Sexual Victims Unit and Crime Scene Investigator. He currently serves as a Detective in the Middlesex County, N.J. Prosecutor's Office as a Ballistics Specialist.

As a result of my service and my family connection I am particularly sensitive to the needs of our Law Enforcement professionals.

Academic – Degrees, Diplomas

Adelphi University - Garden City, N.Y. B.A. Philosophy 1961

Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion:

a) Ordained, June 3, 1966 (Cincinnati, Ohio)

b) M.A.H.L., June 3, 1966 (Cincinnati, Ohio)

c) D.D., March 19, 1991 (New York City)

Knowledge – Training, interests, or experience

Community Involvement – List organizations/positions

Organizations – Membership

Please attach any other information or resume you feel will assist the Commission in...

Organizations Membership (* - indicates active current status)

- Member, N.J. Interfaith Task Force on Drug Abuse, 1981-1985
Member, Board of Trustees, United Way of North Essex, 1973-1977
Founder/Chairperson, N.J. Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (1974-1977)
Board Member, Newark Renaissance House, 1976-1978
President, Save Odyssey House Committee, 1976-1978
Member, Community Relations Committee of Essex County, N.J. 1974-78
Member, Farm Workers Ministry 1967-1989
Founder/Chairperson, N.J. Interfaith Coalition on Child Abuse, 1980-82
President, Livingston Clergy Association, 1986-1988
President, N.J. Association of Reform Rabbis 1983-1985
Member, Commission on Social Action UAHC/CCAR, 1979-1989
Social Action Chairperson, Essex County Board of Rabbis, 1981-1983
Member, Coalition of Religious Leaders of N.J., 1983 - 1985
Founder/Chairperson, Livingston Interfaith Council, 1974-1979
Member, CCAR Committee on Native Americans, 1982 - 1992
Board Member, ARZA 1995 - 2003
President, Scholarship Fund For Ethiopian Jewry, July 2001 - 2006/
named President Emeritus - 2006
***Chair, Rabbinic Advisory Committee, Canavan Foundation, July 2002 - Present**
***Founding Member, Israel Childrens Centers (formerly Israel Tennis Centers)**
Member, MetroWest Federation Religious Pluralism Committee, 1996 - 2001
Member, World Conference on Religion and Peace, 1987-1991
Member, UAHC College Committee, 1989 - 2001
Member, UAHC Kutz Camp Committee, 1987 - 2001
***Member, UAHC/RAC Tzedek Society, Honor Circle**
Chair, American Friends of M'vasseret Tzion Building Campaign 1998 - 2001
***Charitable Gifts Consultant, Bernstein Family Foundation, 2001 - Present**
***Rabbinic Advisor, Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium, 2003 - Present**
***Member, Longboat Key Police Officers Retirement System, December 2007 - Present**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS OR COMMITTEES

Florida's Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, states: "It is the policy of this state that all state, county, and municipal records shall at all times be open for a personal inspection by any person." Your application when filed will become a public record and subject to the above statute. In addition, any appointed member of a board of any political subdivision (except members of solely advisory bodies) and all members of bodies exercising planning, zoning, or natural resources responsibilities are required to file a financial disclosure form within 30 days after appointment and annually thereafter for the duration of the appointment as required by Chapter 112, F.S.

The Code Enforcement Board, Pension Board, Planning & Zoning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Investment Advisory Committee are continuing boards. At various times the Town has had or may have ad hoc committees such as: Airport Advisory, Beach Advisory, Beautification, Citizens Relations, Facilities Advisory, as well as others.

Terms on various boards and committees vary and may be for a period up to three years. Appointments expire on the second Wednesday in May of each year on a staggered basis. Vacancies occur throughout the year for various reasons; appointments by the Town Commission to fill vacancies are for the remainder of the unexpired term. If any vacancy is for a period of less than six months, the Town Commission, at their discretion, may appoint an individual for the remainder of the current term, plus one full term at the time of appointment.

Town boards and committees play a vital part in our community. You are encouraged to submit an application for appointment to a Town Board or Committee prior to board appointment deadlines. The deadline to accept any application for current appointments is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday before the Regular Commission Meeting on the first Monday of the month of May with the exception of the Retirement System boards, which is the first Monday of the month of September. For information concerning any board or committee or the appointment process, please call the Office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 316-1999, or visit our website at www.longboatkey.org.

COMPLETE, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS FORM TO:

**OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK
Town of Longboat Key
501 Bay Isles Road
Longboat Key, FL 34228**



Applicant Signature _____

9/23/13
Date _____

Staff Use Only: Appointed: Yes _____ No _____

Term Expiration Date: _____

Date Notified: _____



End of Agenda Item