



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Lanelda Gaskins, MMC, Town Clerk

FROM: Ilyne Mendelson

DATE: May 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Initial Vetting of Applicant:

On May 19, 2025 (date), I met with Barry Donaldson (by phone) (applicant's name) to discuss his/her community involvement, education, professional experiences and the positive impact he/she could bring to this Board for the betterment of the Highland Beach community.

Detail Explanation:

I reviewed Barry's resume and experience and we chatted about his desire to be on the Planning Board again. I know Barry and he lives at Toscana, and I know he has been involved with the Town and stepped back and has decided that he would like to be involved again.

Barry is an architect and has very good development experience and an very good eye for reading plans in detail.

He would be a good addition to the Planning Board.

However, he does not appear to me to have a lot of experience in Marine and other water related issues. Highland Beach has a large amount of waterways and as far as I can see, we have one resident expert on these matters, Roger Brown. I find that his expertise is invaluable in matters that come before the Planning Board that relate to Marine and boating issues.

For that reason I prefer the other candidate Greg Bahii which I will set forth in his vetting form

Based upon my review of the Resume', the Board Application and the Interview today, my recommendation is as follows:

☐ For the Appointment of this Applicant

☒ Against the Appointment of this Applicant

Signature of Board Chairperson