



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lanelda Gaskins, MMC, Town Clerk

FROM: Barbara Nestle

DATE: Jan 15 2026

SUBJECT: Initial Vetting of Applicant: Joseph Loeffler

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On Jan 15 2026 (date), I met with Joseph Loeffler (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:

It is with great enthusiasm that I fully support **Stephen** as the newest member of our town's Natural Resources Advisory Board. His unique blend of executive leadership as mayor on an island, environmental stewardship, and public safety experience makes him an ideal asset for protecting our shoreline and the Intercoastal.

Proven Coastal Leadership: As the former Mayor of Fire Island, NY—a unique, car-free barrier island accessible only by boat—Stephen has firsthand experience managing the complexities of island ecosystems.

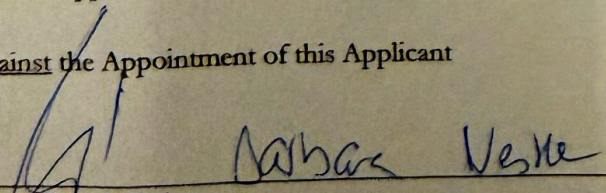
Technical Expertise in Erosion: He has successfully spearheaded large-scale **erosion control** and **beach nourishment projects**, giving him a practical understanding of the engineering and environmental balance and community efforts required to protect our coasts.

Community Engagement: Stephen didn't just lead from a desk; he organized and led **volunteer dune planting initiatives**, proving his ability to mobilize the community for conservation efforts.

Public Safety Background: With an extensive career in law enforcement as both a patrol officer and a detective, he brings an analytical and disciplined approach to board governance and local regulations.

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