



# TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

## Appointed Boards Application

If you are a Town of Hillsborough resident and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, please complete this form. Volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Board must be at least 13 years old, and volunteers for all other boards must be at least 18 years old.

The town strives to reflect the diversity of its residents in the makeup of its boards. Demographics and residence location are considered during the appointment process.

**First name (required):**

Mathew

**Last name (required):**

Palmer

**Home address (required):**

202 W Union Street

**Home phone number:**

9196238403

**Work phone number:**

**Email address (required):**

palmer.mathew@gmail.com

**Place of employment:**

Durham Public Schools

**Job title:**

Executive Director - School Planning

**Birth date (required):**

Oct. 4, 1979

**Gender (required):**

Male

**Ethnic origin (check all that apply) (required):**

White

**First choice (required):**

Historic District Commission

**Second choice (required):**

Planning Board

**Third choice (required):**

None

**Reasons for wanting to serve (required):**

To bring experience and perspective to the HDC. Home owner and resident of Historic District. Experienced Planner (15 years) with PhD from UNC Chapel Hill in Planning for Walkable Communities and Schools.

**Have you served or are you currently serving on a town board? If so, which ones and when? (required)?**

Yes - City of Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (2011 - 2015).

**Relevant work, volunteer or educational experience (required):**

2019 - Present | Executive Director of Planning for Durham Public Schools

2015 - 2019 | Director of School Planning & Transportation for NC State University

2012 - 2015 | PhD in City & Region Planning from UNC Chapel Hill

**How are you connected to Hillsborough (live, work, play, shop, own property) (required)?**

Home owner - 202 W Union Street

Enjoy the historic character and design of colonial era Hillsborough.

Children walk to school at Hillsborough Elementary.

**Have you reviewed the Vision 2030 plan, and what are your thoughts about it (required)?**

Yes - will be interested to community mindset for the Vision 2030 in light of COVID and the 8 years since the Plan was adopted. Mentor Tom Campanella contributed previously.

**Have you reviewed other town documents (budget, strategy map, small area plans), and what are your thoughts about them?**

No

**What challenges do you see the town facing that could be addressed by the board or boards on which you wish to serve (required)?**

There is an inherent tension about generational wealth and housing in Hillsborough. Both the Historic and Planning Commissions are parts of the solution.

**How did you hear about this opportunity (required)?**

Other

**Check the box to confirm (required):**

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