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Planning Board

I am a principal and licensed architect with Payette Inc., specializing in the design of science and technology buildings.

I have enjoyed over thirty years of practice including the planning, design and construction of highly complex projects in urban, rural and suburban locales across the United States. I moved to Marblehead in 2003 with my wife and two children. With a love of Marblehead and a desire to give back, I applied and was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals from 2010-2012. I was then appointed to the Planning Board in 2012 and have been elected and served consistently as a member.

As current Chair of the Planning Board, I am proud of the work the board has done in providing opportunities for Marblehead to continue to evolve while preserving its cherished character. I have been recognized for consistency, fairness and professionalism by applicants, abutters, and representatives. This past year, the Planning Board worked hard with Town Planner Becky Curran to present an article at Town Meeting to allow Accessory Dwelling Units in Marblehead. This article passed with a large majority while recognizing changing demographics in town in a thoughtful way.

I am looking forward to continuing this important work with the Planning Board for this new term and respectfully ask for your vote on June 20.