

Doug Bogdan

1. Tell us about yourself. Please share a little about your background, your connection to the community, and what motivated you to run for this position

Since moving to Naples and becoming a property owner, I have felt that it's important to be involved in the community. I started out volunteering to videotape Naples public meetings for LRTV. After years of doing that, one of the Planning Board members suggested I run for office, because I was at all the meetings anyway and knew what was happening on the board. I have been on the board about 6 years now and served as Chairman for most of that time. And I am thankful to everyone for that opportunity.

2. Have you previously held a public office

This is the first elected office I have held. I also have served as president of the Songo Garden Club for about the last 10 years. I have served on several committees in town and participated in comprehensive plan meetings.

3. Why are you the best candidate for this roll?

The Planning Board's role is to enforce the ordinances that the Select Board and the citizens of Naples have enacted. Having been on the board for several years, I am familiar with the current town ordinances. Our job is to see that the ordinances are applied equally and fairly to everyone who comes before the board. The chairman's role is to conduct the meeting in an efficient and orderly fashion, consistent with the Planning Board procedures and applicable statutes.

4. What do you believe are the top 2-3 issues currently facing out town?

Our job is to enforce the ordinances that the town has put in place. The Planning Board does not really "address issues", that is the Select Board's role.

5. How will you engage with residents and ensure transparency in local government?

Our meetings are always open to the public and we welcome public comment at all of the meetings. The Planning Board schedule is posted in the Bridgton News and on the town's website.

6. What is one goal you would like to accomplish during your term if elected?

To help the new comprehensive plan, when approved by the town, to be incorporated into the town ordinances. The plan is the direction in which the town wants to go. Our job is to honor that.