

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

**SUBJECT: Housing Task Force**

DATE: 4-10-2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Scollin

BILL # 42-2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 4-5-2023

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED:

Resolution to appoint two new members to the Housing Task Force

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION**

MOVED BY: Scollin      SECONDED BY: Catillaz

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE BRUNETTE	<u>absent</u>
TRUSTEE CATILLAZ	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SCOLLIN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SHAPIRO	<u>yes</u>

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TWO MEMEBERS TO THE  
SARANAC LAKE HOUSING TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees established the Housing Task Force in July 2022; and

WHEREAS, two members recently resigned from the Housing Task Force;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Saranac Lake Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints Kaitlin Patenaude and Gladis Zamparo to the Housing Task Force for a term of two years starting in April 2023.

Hello,

My name is Kaitlin Patenaude and I am interested in being a part of the Housing Task Force. I do not fall under the categories for representation, however, please let me persuade you as to why I would be an asset to the Task Force.

I am a teacher-librarian at Lake Placid Middle/High School. I have been a resident of Saranac Lake for almost 4 years. However, I am a tenant who rents. I love the location I am in, but I've recently begun looking for a house to buy. While I know I am an integral part of the Lake Placid community through my teaching, I am choosing for my future to be in Saranac Lake. I want to be a part of the community, such as volunteering and extracurriculars. I want to have neighbors that I can wave to while I take my evening walks and hire local dog sitters and, eventually, raise a family here.

I am not the only one. There is a small crowd of young teachers whom I work with that also have roots in Saranac Lake. One of my friends is in Women's Civic Chambers; another was born and raised here, and wants to begin a family soon; one has an interest in creating sustainable initiatives for people in the village. But we feel like we are in limbo. None of us have had success with finding a permanent home. We are all tenants in Saranac Lake with plans to build our lives here, but those plans cannot be solidified with the current housing environment. What if I find a place in Lake Placid, Wilmington, or Vermontville? It's been 4 years, and I'm a patient person, but I want to begin this next step in my life.

I have participated in the housing strategic plan survey and have read through the Housing Plan. I am an expert researcher and am familiar with policy drafting and implementation. I can collect and analyze data and am prepared to make connections within our community. I listen to others and while I recognize my own biases (as I've shown to you here), I take others' perspectives seriously. I'm not sure of other qualifying factors that would be necessary, but please let me know what those would be.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kaitlin

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K. Patenaude

She/Her

Teacher Librarian

Class of 2025 Co-Advisor

Key Club Advisor

Middle School Drama Club Director

Middle School News Club Director

Lake Placid Middle/High School

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Hi Jamie,

Hope you are doing well. On behalf of Bionique Testing Laboratories LLC (Bionique), I would like to submit my application to the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustee to be considered as a member of the Housing Task Force under the category 'Major employers'.

Bionique, which has two locations in Saranac Lake and has experienced double digit growth over the last five years, currently employs approx. 40 people and has a plan to reach 50 by year end.

Through our ongoing hiring efforts, we have first-hand experience of the impact that long-term housing – and particularly lack thereof – has on our employees life-plans and how important the community support services and infrastructure are towards creating a welcoming business environment, particularly in a very-tight labor market.

In light of the above, I hope you will consider Bionique's application to be part of the task force.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Regards,

**Gladis Zamparo**

*Chief Executive Officer*

**Bionique Testing Laboratories**

Saranac Lake, NY 12983

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