

**Packet for May 11, 2021,
Township Board Special
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

4-12-2021

Ms. Becky Chown

Clerk

Peninsula Township

13235 Center Road

Traverse City MI 49686

Dear Ms. Chown:

My name is Julie Alexander and I am writing to request consideration for the vacant position on the planning commission.

I want to serve on the Planning Commission because my family has owned property on the Peninsula since 1904, and I strongly believe that the Planning Commission's work is essential in ensuring future generations will be able to enjoy the unique quality of life we have here.

During my 21-year teaching career, I encouraged my students to observe what is happening around them, ask questions, respect the perspectives of others and to work collaboratively to solve problems through dialogue. I hope to bring that same spirit with me to the Planning Commission.

The development of a cohesive Master Plan is an enormous responsibility, but I love a challenge and am no stranger to hard work. I know that there are issues that are contentious, but welcome the task of working through complex issues for the betterment of the community. I realize attendance at meetings is crucial and there may be multiple sessions due to the size of the task. One advantage that I have is that I am retired and have flexibility in my schedule.

I hope you will consider allowing me to serve on the Planning Commission.

I would welcome the opportunity to follow up with you in person early next week.

Respectfully,

Julie Alexander

4856 Forest Ave.

Old Mission, Mi. 49686

573-268-5810

jualexan@mchsi.co,

Rebecca Chown

From: Rob Manigold <supervisor@peninsulatownship.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:43 AM
To: Becky Chown
Subject: FW: application process
Attachments: Planning commission letter Manigold final.pdf; Resume updated 4-7-2021.docx

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Alexander [<mailto:jualexan@mchsi.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:54 PM
To: supervisor
Subject: application process

Hi Mr. Manigold-

I hope you are well. I am sure you must be incredibly busy and I appreciate the time you have spent answering all of my questions.

I am very interested in the Planning Commission position as we have discussed earlier.

I am in the process of establishing residency. I will be at the Township meeting next week and will introduce myself then. I am attaching my resume and a letter of introduction. I have looked at the website. Is there an application for the position? I did not see one, but here is my resume for your information. I plan to follow up with all of the Township Trustees and Mrs. Shipman. Any other suggestions for folks I should meet, please let me know.

Thank you again for all of your help!

Julie Alexander
jualexan@mchsi.com

April 6, 2021

Mr. Rob Manigold

Peninsula Township Supervisor

13235 Center Road
Traverse City MI 49686

Dear Mr. Manigold:

My name is Julie Alexander and I am a life-long member of the Old Mission community. In fact, my family has owned property on the Peninsula since 1904, where we have had the great good fortune to enjoy the beauty and benefits the Peninsula has to offer.

One important – vital, really – aspect of belonging to a community is engaging with and participating in its civic affairs. Of particular importance to me is ensuring the lasting vitality and integrity of the Peninsula. To that end, I am writing to request consideration for the vacant position on the Peninsula Township Planning Commission. I strongly believe the Planning Commission's work developing a Master Plan is an enormous but essential responsibility in ensuring the ability of future generations to enjoy the unique quality of life we have here.

I am now retired, but during my 21-year teaching career, I encouraged my students to observe what is happening around them, ask questions, respect the perspectives of others, and work collaboratively to solve problems through dialogue. During my teaching career, I encountered many situations where contentious issues required level heads, open minds, and determination. I hope to bring the same spirit of collaborative problem-solving and hard work with me to the Planning Commission. And now that I am retired, I am happy to say that I have a great deal of flexibility in my schedule to commit to this important purpose.

Thank you, in advance, for considering me for the vacant position on the Peninsula Township Planning Commission. I would welcome the opportunity to follow up with you in person early next week.

Respectfully,

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Julia A. Alexander

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Education

- Ed. D., (*in progress*), University of Missouri-Columbia
- M.Ed., (with emphasis in Science Education), University of Missouri Columbia, 2003
- B.A., Elementary Education, Magna cum Laude, Columbia College, 1999

Professional Experience

Curriculum Specialist/ Online Teaching Assistant Mizzou Academy, 2021-Present

- Develop curriculum for online Science instruction of over 1000 Middle and High School students
- Assist virtual teachers with grading assignments and assessments

Middle School Science Teacher Columbia Public Schools, 2010-2020

- Planned and taught science lessons to 100 -120 seventh grade students daily.
- Collaborated with a professional learning team to write curriculum, lessons and assessments.
- Used data to inform instructional practices.
- Wrote grants, securing 2500 dollars to provide extra funding for student labs, benefitting over 100 students per year.
- Coached Science Olympiad teams, planned, hosted and attended tournaments. Competed at the state competition 10 out of 10 years.
- Chaperoned students on Teton Science School trips where students participated in place based educational activities in Grand Teton National Park for 7 of my 10 years.

Elementary Science Specialist Columbia Public Schools, 1999-2010

- Planned and taught science lessons to approximately 270--300 fourth and fifth grade students biweekly.
- Collaborated with a professional learning team weekly to write curriculum and assessments.
- Used data to inform instructional practices.
- Wrote grants for field trips to enhance curriculum, securing over 3000 dollars in funds.
- Sponsored boys and girls science clubs, planned and conducted field trips.

Adjunct Instructor University of Missouri-Columbia, 2007-2010

- Planned and taught Elementary Science Methods course to 15-20 juniors at the University of Missouri. Stressed inquiry learning and Nature of Science. Students planned and hosted an Evening Science program at an Elementary School as part of their coursework.
- Collaborated with a professional learning team monthly to discuss progress and address curriculum alignment.

Presenter Show-Me Science Center, 2002-2003

- Planned and presented professional development session for elementary teachers at summer academy and at their schools.

Awards

- Outstanding Science Educator 2017 Science Teachers of Missouri
- Outstanding Elementary Educator of the Year 2006 Science Teachers of Missouri

Publications

Abell, S., & Volkmann, M. (2006). Vignette: Shocking News: Static Electricity. In *Seamless Assessment in Science: A Guide for Elementary and Middle School Teachers* (pp. 77-84). Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Professional Affiliations

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| • Science Teachers of Missouri | board member, member |
| • National Science Teachers Association | member |
| • National Association for Research in Science Teaching | member |
| • Association for Science Teacher Education | member |

Presentations:

- Alexander J. (2020, February). **Engineering MLS; Incorporating Assessment and Literacy into Science Instruction**. Presented at the Interface annual conference, Osage Beach, Missouri.
- Alexander J. (2016, April). **Science by Design: Addressing Science Concepts through Engineering**. Presented at the National Science Teachers Association annual conference, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Alexander J., (2013, April). **Science + Writing = Learning**. Presented at the National Science Teachers Association annual conference, San Antonio, Texas.
- Presenter, Alexander, J. (2012, October). **Tell Me Your Story! Using Digital Media to Design Experiments**. Presented at the Science Teachers of Missouri annual conference, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Alexander J., (2010, October). **Top Ten Reasons Scientists Write**. Presented at the Science Teachers of Missouri annual conference, Columbia, Missouri.
- Alexander J., (2009). **It's Elementary! Using the Four Question strategy to Design Experiments**. Presented at the National Science Teachers Association annual conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Service

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| • Services for Independent Living volunteer | March, 2020-present |
| • Room at the Inn Volunteer | November 2020-present |
| • Como Lunch Club volunteer | November 2020-present |
| • Toshiba Exploravision Judge | February, 2018 |
| • NSTA Conference Session Reviewer | June 2016, 2018 |

- **Next Generation Science Standards review session co- facilitator** **February 2013**
- **Next Generation Science Standards review session facilitator** **May, 2012**
- **Missouri Assessment Program DOK reviewer** **January, 2010**