

# **Packet**

**Township Board Special Meeting  
October 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

**Letters of Interest to Serve on  
Citizens' Committee to Address  
Winery Complaints and Ordinances**

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Rand Hall <rand.plancom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:17 PM  
**To:** Rob Manigold; Margaret A. Achorn; David K. Sanger; warren.peninsulatrustee; wunschis23@gmail.com  
**Cc:** zoning@peninsulatownship.com; Rebecca Chown  
**Subject:** WOMP Lawsuit - Formation of Citizens Advisory Committee

It is my understanding, based on the Township Board's resolution passed at last night's meeting, that the Township Board will be appointing a citizens advisory committee to provide input to the Township Board in connection with the defense and possible settlement of the WOMP lawsuit. I would very much like to serve on such a committee and would respectfully ask that I be considered for appointment. I believe that as a result of my long career as a real estate attorney and my service on the Township Planning Commission I would bring an informed perspective to the table and contribute importantly to the work of the committee. Thank-you for your consideration.

- Randall Hall  
2610 Twin Eagles Drive  
Traverse City (Old Mission Peninsula)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Alan Blair <rossblair44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 9:05 PM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Citizens Committee for Resolution of WOMP

Letter of Interest  
Alan R. Blair  
14334 Bluff Rd.  
Traverse City, Michigan. 49686

Regards,  
Alan Blair  
231-223-7237  
Thank you fo

Sent from my iPhone

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Brit Eaton <BritEaton@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 5:03 PM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Volunteer for committee

Hi Becky,

I'd like to volunteer to participate in the formation of a citizens committee that looks into a solution for the deadlocked situation between WOMP and the Township that could lead to an amenable resolution for the Peninsula much like Dry Creek Vallet, Sonoma County, California. Having researched the Dry Creek situation and the guidelines they developed, I believe all parties involved on the Peninsula could reach a similar solution to which all parties could support.

If you need additional information from me, please feel free to ask.

My contact information is:

Brit Eaton  
1465 Neahtawanta Road  
Traverse City, MI  
[briteaton@goacentek.net](mailto:briteaton@goacentek.net)  
231-499-4438

Best regards,

Brit

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Brit Eaton <briteaton@goacentek.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:57 AM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Interest in Citizens Committee Follow-up  
**Attachments:** Brit Eaton Resume.docx

Hi Becky,

Please find the attached additional information regarding my qualifications and other relevant information which might be helpful in determining if I could be useful on the Citizens Committee.

- I am currently involved in 2 Peninsula organizations that reach out to Peninsula visitors and residents alike: 1. Trustee of the Peninsula Community Library, 2. Volunteer at the Mission Point Lighthouse.
- I have 7 years of past retail sales experience in retail wine shops: 4 years at the Vineyard in Toledo, 3 years at the Elk Rapids Wine shop, both giving me an understanding of the retail wine business.
- Owner of a Private Chef / Catering business for 12 years thus giving me understanding of the food service business.
- I am part of a 4<sup>th</sup> generation vacation family for 125 years on the Peninsula and a permanent resident for 11 years.

Having a blend of residential home ownership, wine / food business ownership and a commitment to community service, I believe I could be helpful on the Citizens Committee because for there to be a successful outcome the committee will need to address all three elements as was demonstrated in Dry Creek Vally, CA. back in 2014.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Brit Eaton  
[briteaton@goacentek.net](mailto:briteaton@goacentek.net)  
231-499-4438

# RESUME

## George Bristow Eaton

### Contact Information:

George (Brit) Eaton  
Phone – 231-223-8472  
Cell – 231-499-4438  
1465 Neahtawanta Road  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
Email – [briteaton@goacentek.net](mailto:briteaton@goacentek.net)  
Business Email – [george.b.eaton@2020census.gov](mailto:george.b.eaton@2020census.gov)

### Education:

Withrow High School 1958-1962  
Ohio University 1962 – 1966

### Work Experience:

#### **2020 US Census Bureau 2576 Michigan Region**

##### **Position: Recruiting Manager, MQA Initiative**

2576 Area Census Office

Traverse City, MI 49686

November 15, 2019 – October 30, 2020

The Mobile Response Assistance Initiative built on and improved the 2010 Census Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) model, incorporating the use of technology to provide relevant and realistic ways for people to respond to the 2020 Census. It focuses on MQA events and locations where respondents received assistance from trained staff that accessed the Internet via a Self-Response instrument to react to the 2020 Census on demand instead of door to door canvassing.

Responsibilities: Managed staff of 2 Supervisors, 2 Clerks, and 38 Field Recruiting Assistants throughout the 2020 Census Central Chicago Region, 2576 ACO from Grand Rapids to Marquette, Michigan. Started as Clerk in November 2019, then promoted to Supervisor and eventually promoted to Manager in February 2020.

Results: Held over 1,0600 events in the 35 County Traverse City region with more than 1,800 families completing their 2020 Census Questionnaires, thus bringing over \$6,400,000 in Federal dollars to Northern Michigan.

#### **GoodEaton Gourmet, LLC – Personal Chef**

##### **President, Owner**

1465 Neahtawanta Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

2007 – 2019

#### **CompuTrain, Inc. - Computer Consulting**

##### **President, Owner, Trainer**

5005 Cranston Drive, Toledo, OH 43606

1992 – 2016

# RESUME

## George Bristow Eaton

### **Adopt America Network - Special Need Adoption Agency**

#### **Executive Director**

3100 W. Central Ave, Toledo, OH 43606

1988 – 1992

### **Kirchenbauer Paint, Inc.**

#### **President, Owner**

Hill Avenue, Toledo, OH

1978 -1988

### **Fondessy Enterprises, Inc**

#### **Controller, Office Manager**

876 Otter Creek Road

Oregon, Ohio 43616

1969-1978

### **Certifications:**

ACT! Certified Software Management Consultant 16 years

National Registry of Food Safety Consultants

USPCA - Unites States Professional Chef's Association

Completed Title 13, Title 8 US Code Personal Identification Information (PII) training

Fingerprint and background check security clearance as Federal employee



## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Thomas Kachadurian <kachadurian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:26 AM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Citizen's Advisory Committee  
**Attachments:** Kachadurian2021.pdf

Hi Becky:

Please consider me for the Citizen's Committee to address the issues raised in the WOPM lawsuit.

I've done this sort of thing before. I volunteered on the TADL board for 14 years where I served as both President and Treasurer.

Thanks,

Tom

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**Thomas Kachadurian**  
231-883-4325  
10148 Council Oak Dr  
Traverse City, MI 49686

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Jennifer Venegoni <jennifer.venegoni@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Citizens Committee for Resolution of WOMP issue

Please add me as a member of this committee.

Thank you  
Jennifer  
16213 Center Road

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Grant Parsons <parsonsgrantw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:16 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Chown  
**Subject:** Application to be on the citizen panel

Dear Ms. Chown,

Please accept my application to be on the citizen panel to discuss possible resolution of the winery lawsuit. Due to my age, I am not meeting in person with groups, so I would plan to attend by tele-conference or ZOOM. Please advise me of any further steps needed to complete my application.

Sincerely,  
Grant Parsons  
6936 Mission Ridge  
Traverse City, MI 49686

TEL. 231-946-1125 (land)  
TEL. 231-883-2599 (cell)=

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** David D Taft <ddtaft@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:43 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Chown  
**Subject:** Citizens Committee to examine winery zoning ordinance

Becky:

I commend the Board for their decision after the October 6 Open Meeting. You have listened to the desires of the residents of Peninsula Township to create an 'open' process—rather than a confidential negotiation between two non-resident lawyers. More importantly I support the Township Board desire to create a committee of citizens/residents to examine the winery zoning ordinance.

I would like to volunteer for this committee—but I will be leaving for winter by early December and not returning until mid April 2022. I would be unable to attend all meetings in person.

Once the committee is formed, I would like to address this committee with some thoughts. Over the past few years, I have examined in detail—in discussions with many-- the three main sections of the ZO related to processing facilities, tasting rooms, and chateaus. As they now exist there are inconsistencies between the three sections and measurements of performance that are taxing on officials of the township to measure regularly. As any new ordinance has to create a balance of: 1) to recognize what was allowed by the existing ordinance has to be maintained and 2) to assure consistency between the sections and enable easy measurements of performance to the ZO requirements. I have some suggestions to make to the citizens/residents committee to help them in their evaluating the existing ordinance and how to make possible changes to assure consistency and fairness across the three sections.

Once formed, I would like to be given the opportunity to address the committee—in person or by Zoom--- for one hour with some suggestions to hopefully assist them in their pursuit to develop a new set of winery related ZO sections.

Thank you,

David Taft  
952 Neahtawanta Road=

October 13, 2021

W. William Rudolph  
4784 Forest Avenue, P.O. Box 10  
Old Mission, MI 49673

Township Board  
Old Mission Peninsula Township

Re: Citizens' Committee for Resolution of WOMP Issues

Dear Town Board Members;

I would like to be considered to serve on the Citizens' Committee for Resolution of WOMP Issues. I am a citizen of Peninsula Township.

I have experience serving on Boards and committees. I was a Trustee of a two township fire protection district for 18 years, serving as president for 12 of those years. I was chairman of a church building committee that, in the course of five years, successfully brought to fruition completion of a modern classroom and kitchen addition to an historic church that was built in 1861. I was founding board member and secretary of an international corporation, The Agricultural Electronics Foundation (AEF), formed to promote international standards for electronic communications protocols between companies producing electronic controls and data collection equipment for agricultural purposes. The AEF was incorporated as a German corporation and brought together representatives of competitive companies, like John Deere, Agco, Deutz-Fahr, Case International, from countries as diverse as the USA, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Canada, Great Britain, Italy, India, Japan and Brazil.

Further, I understand the economics of agriculture. I held a thirty year career with two agricultural electronics companies culminating with assignments as chief engineer and technical director of the electronics division of TeeJet Corporation. And, finally, my wife and I have heavily invested in farmland in central Illinois, controlling many acres of prime land involved in the production of corn and soybeans.

I have no preconceived notion of how the WOMP issues should be resolved. I do not know if the wineries have any legitimate complaints as their issues have not been vigorously aired to the general public. I am willing to listen and learn. On the other hand, I have heard and understand many of the concerns of Peninsula Township citizens regarding the potential for overwhelming commercialization because of the high density of wineries now enjoying operations on the Peninsula. And without a doubt, I abhor the tactic of using the law as a coercive instrument and would continue to resist the WOMP lawsuit for that reason. I am experienced enough to know that being legal does not equate to being either just nor moral. Nor does it equate to being a good neighbor.

If chosen to serve on the Committee, I will do my best to help to bring people of goodwill together to try to resolve the issues to the benefit of both the wineries and the citizens of the Peninsula.

Thank you for your consideration.

W. William Rudolph

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** robert eckstein <robteckstein1951@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:42 PM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Citizen's Committee addressing WOMP issues

I would be interested in being appointed to this committee. I am a township property owner. but not a resident, my wife and I own a townhouse at 248 Peninsula Hills Dr. I think my background could be useful to the task of this committee.

Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning; USC. Focus- urban and regional economic development and land use law.

Planning Commissioner: Ann Arbor

City Council member: Ann Arbor

Chairperson: Natural Feature Ordinance Committee, HIV-AIDS Task Force. Member of a variety of other city commissions and committees.

Senior Research Associate, Office of Budget and Planning, University of Michigan

Senior Research Associate, Office of Academic Planning and Analysis, UofM

Research Associate, Department of Health Planning and Administration, School of Public Health, University of Michigan

Senior Field Consultant, Urban Institute, Washington DC

In addition to quantitative skills I have training and certificates in survey research, group problem solving and a couple of other things.

I am very fond of wine.

My wife and I fell in love with the Peninsula when I attended a conference of institutional researchers from all the state colleges and universities held at the Holiday Inn. For entertainment one evening about 12 of us took a bus and visited Chateau Grand Traverse. Ed opened up the garage door... the tasting room was a garage back then... we had a grand time. For a number of years, after it opened, we stayed at the Chateau's guest house and enjoyed Ed's friendship. We have wonderful wonderful memories of Ed.

I see myself as a problem solver, consensus builder and of course a quantitative analyst.

One possible problem, at some point this winter I probably will want to go to Florida for a while. Will one be able to remotely attend meetings through Zoom?

I would find it a great honor to work on this township issue on behalf of the residents and wineries and hope you will consider me as an appointee. If you require any additional information or wish to interview me please let me know.

Robert Eckstein 248 Peninsula Hills Dr. c: 734-891-8482, h: 231-421-5735

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Peter Cohl <petecohl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:06 PM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Citizens committee regarding winery lawsuit

I attended the township board meeting last week and I was impressed with the professionalism and patience of the board members.

My wife and I have owned a home on the peninsula for over 12 years and I am very familiar with the practical and legal issues. My background includes over 40 years of municipal law . I would appreciate being considered for appointment to the citizens committee. With my experience and willingness to hear all sides of an issue, I can be helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Cohl  
9466 Rolling Ridge  
517-281-5014

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** mike@dettmerlaw.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:39 PM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Cc:** aljankowskimusic@gmail.com; Dave Murphy; Dean Johnson; Emily Gest; Erin Gartland; Jill Byron; John Jacobs; John Wunsch; Mark Nadolski; Mike Dettmer; Penny Rosi  
**Subject:** PTP board recommendations for advisory committee

Becky: As secretary of the PTP board, after a board meeting and vote, we would recommend (in alpha order), Erin Gartland, John Jacobs and John Wunsch for the PT' board consideration for appointment. Thank you for allowing us to input this important issue.

M H Dettmer  
Dettmer Law Office plc  
7003 Leorie Dr.  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
[www.Dettmerlaw.com](http://www.Dettmerlaw.com)  
231.590.5560



## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Erin Prasse <eeprasse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:23 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Chown  
**Subject:** Citizen's Committee

Dear Becky,

I am interested in serving on the citizen's committee to help resolve the WOMP lawsuit. As a resident and representative of PTP I have become passionate about the beauty of our unique peninsula and our environmental impact, hoping to preserve the character and land of Old Mission for future generations.

I am thrilled to be able to live amongst these rolling rows of grapes, scattered farms, and picturesque views of the bays. I value the beauty and leisure the wineries bring to our community. Part of what I love most about a small community is that we get to know our neighbors and businesses well. We have relationships with these people and our kids do activities together. The wineries are a key component of what makes Old Mission such a unique and beautiful place. I love the wineries for many reasons, and want them to be successful, but I disagree with them suing their neighbors. I believe this is an important process and committee in helping make decisions that will hopefully preserve our agricultural character and help foster successful business for the wineries. One advantage to living in a small community provides opportunities to work together. This committee will do just that.

I have a few questions about how this committee will be conducted?

1. Given these are public meetings, will the public be able to speak to the committee during the sessions? And how often will these meetings occur?
2. Will they be held during the day or in the evening?
3. Can these issues be resolved or settled if the lawsuit hasn't been dropped?
4. How many committee members will the township be selecting?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Erin Gartland

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** John Jacobs <jjacobs@jjacobs.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:24 PM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Citizens' Committee

Ms Becky Chown

Peninsula Township Clerk

13235 Center Road

Traverse City, MI 49686

Dear Becky:

I am writing to express my interest in appointment to the Citizens Committee for Resolution of WOMP Issues.

As a board member of Protect The Peninsula, I am acutely aware of the issues surrounding the dispute between the Township and the wineries. I am also of the firm belief that it is possible to arrive at a resolution that accommodates all points of view and is conducted in open, public discourse.

I first came to Peninsula Township as an infant and have spent most of my summers here since then. With children grown, I am now fortunate to spend nearly six months of the year here. Even as a small child, I was aware of the specialness of this place. Over the years, things have changed, as they inevitably do. But, the township's unique character has endured. I believe it can continue to do so with thoughtful, careful solutions to the challenges arising from increased population and differing viewpoints.

Over a forty plus year career in the tech industry, including as founder/CEO of several businesses, and with most of my time now devoted to volunteer non-profit work, I have extensive experience working toward solutions that satisfy the needs of multiple factions. I believe that this experience affords me the skills to make a meaningful contribution to the work of the Citizens' Committee.

During the winter months, I would be happy to return for meetings in person, and can certainly attend virtually. I hope you will consider me for inclusion on the committee, and I welcome the opportunity to contribute to a solution that works for all of Peninsula Township.

Respectfully,

John Jacobs

5290 Forest Ave.

[jjacobs@jjacobs.com](mailto:jjacobs@jjacobs.com)

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** John | SBM <john@stringsbymail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:40 AM  
**To:** Becky Chown  
**Subject:** Letter of application - Citizen Advisory Committee

Town Board:

I hereby apply to serve on the citizen advisory committee regarding the conflict between the winery operators and Peninsula Township.

I will bring my experience over the last 30 years of involvement in a variety of township initiatives regarding winery ordinances and

farmland preservation in an attempt to help develop a potential resolution to the conflict.

Thank You,

John A. Wunsch  
17881 Center Rd.

Traverse City, MI

49686

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Harold Edmondson <edmondson1954@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:08 PM  
**To:** clerk@peninsulatownship.com  
**Subject:** Citizen's Committee

Dear Becky:

I would be interested in serving on the Citizen's Committee regarding the WOMP lawsuit with Peninsula Township. I have followed the developments surrounding the lawsuit, and I think I have a valuable perspective on gaining a balance for all sides involved. Please consider my willingness to participate on this important committee.

Respectively submitted,

Dave Edmondson  
12414 Center Road  
231-631-2315

Sent from my iPad=

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Rob Manigold <supervisor@peninsulatownship.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 7:44 AM  
**To:** Becky Chown  
**Subject:** FW: Winery restrictions

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

**From:** Jim Linsell [<mailto:linsellja@charter.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** [supervisor@peninsulatownship.com](mailto:supervisor@peninsulatownship.com)  
**Subject:** Winery restrictions

Dear Rob,

I was unable to attend the township board meeting last evening, but want to register my opinion that no loosening of guidelines for wineries is called for now or in the future. My wife and I have lived in the township for 42 years. Our first home was just over the hill from Chateau Chantel. Our current home on Bluff Road is just east of Brys Winery. With eleven wineries out here, it would be hard to find a neighborhood that would not be impacted if WOMP requests are granted. Increased traffic and unnecessary noise are my concerns. The wineries are not going to close or go out of business if they lose the lawsuit. They knew the restrictions when they built their facilities. So, add me to your list of those residents who say to hold the line with WOMP.

Thanks for your good service to our township citizens.

Sincerely,  
Jim Linsell  
13581 Bluff Road  
Traverse City, Mi 49686

Sent from my iPad

Dear Clerk,

I would like to be considered as part of the citizen's committee regarding the WOMP lawsuit. I have 30 plus years of experience in real estate, I am a licensed real estate appraiser, real estate broker and active investor in real estate with experience in zoning matters and permitting. One of my investments was a wedding venue in Columbus, Ohio which had 3 sites for weddings in one location hosting up to 600 guests per night and navigating parking and logistics involved with large gatherings.

I have lived at 8488 Center Road for 10 years, we are located just east and across Center Road from Mari Vineyard. I have previous experience in dealing with Mari Vineyard and the owner(s) through a lawsuit filed by them against my wife and myself in 2019. The WOMP lawsuit appears to be following a pattern that I am familiar with and as a real estate owner and investor I think I could be of assistance to the committee.

I am typically in Traverse City the last 2 weeks of each month and can make arrangements to attend meetings during other times with some advance notice. I am in Traverse City November 24<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> and would like to schedule a time to meet with you to discuss.

Thank you for your consideration

Stephen Hutchinson  
8488 Center Road  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
E-Mail: [Steve@brokerone.us](mailto:Steve@brokerone.us)  
Cell: 614-507-2762