


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	<p>William Matthew Sheridan, who goes by Matt Sheridan, is a real estate developer in Plymouth. He, through one of his companies, is a proposed buyer of land in Chapter 61 status that the Town has a right of first refusal on. The Select Board, with the Town's attorneys, will be evaluating the Town's position in regards to this proposed purchase by Mr. Sheridan and the Town's rights. We will be discussing, with the Town's attorneys, whether the offer to purchase the land made by Mr. Sheridan is a bona fide offer. If and when it is determined we have a bona fide offer in hand, we will also be asked to evaluate whether the Town should try and exercise its right of first refusal, or whether we should waive it. Other issues related to this proposed purchase may also arise as part of the overall discussion and evaluation of this topic.</p>
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	<p>I will be asked to cast a vote on any action sought by the Board related to the evaluation of the proposed purchase, including legal strategies, the exercising or waiving of the right of first refusal, and/or negotiations related to a proposed purchase of the land. Any decision point that the Town staff and attorneys need direction on will require my input and vote. The Select Board is comprised of five members, so if everyone is in attendance I would have one of five votes on any decisions, and also be involved in any discussions prior to a vote. There must be at least three total Select Board members present to make any decision, so if attendance at a meeting on this topic is at the legal minimum I could be casting one of three votes on the matter.</p>
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	<p>Matt Sheridan is a close personal friend of mine, and has been for over 3 years. He is also currently working on my re-election campaign for the Select Board as my campaign manager. We have previously worked on other campaigns for other candidates/issues in the past. We have also worked on opposite sides of campaigns in the past, with each of us supporting different candidates or taking different sides of an issue.</p>

<p>How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?</p>	<p>The vote of the Board could determine whether Mr. Sheridan has to resubmit a new offer in order to constitute a bona fide offer or not. If the offer is bona fide, then the vote of the Board could determine whether the Town wants to exercise or waive the right of first refusal or not. The vote of the Board could also determine the timeframe in which the Town's rights are exercised. Any of the above outcomes or actions by the Board could have financial and legal implications for Mr. Sheridan and his business and potentially impact or prevent him from acquiring the parcel that is in Chapter 61 status. I would participate in the vote itself, as well as the discussion that leads up to the vote, which could influence the votes of other Board members.</p>
<p>Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.</p>	<p>Matt Sheridan and I have always kept our friendship separate from our work. We have different political views on multiple issues. We have worked with each other in the past, but we have also worked against each other when necessary. We have never let our work, whether it be his day job, my Select Board work, or our work on political campaigns, affect our friendship. We have worked on opposing campaigns before where my candidate has beaten Matt Sheridan's candidate and it has never been an issue in our friendship. We have worked on campaigns before where his side of an issue prevailed over my side and it has never been an issue in our friendship. And we have worked together on campaigns as well, and that has never been an issue in our friendship. At no point has the performance of our work in any setting effected our friendship, nor have I ever felt I had to conduct my work or perform my duties in a certain way in order to maintain my friendship with Matt. I would never allow my friendship with Matt to influence the decisions I would make on the Select Board, as my priority on the Select Board is always to do what I genuinely believe is in the best interest of the Town of Plymouth. I have no doubt that I can perform my official duties on this matter objectively and fairly.</p>
<p>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</p>	<p>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
<p>Employee signature:</p>	
<p>Date:</p>	<p>4/28/28</p>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

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