



Town of Hinesburg, Vermont
Application form for Town Commission, Board, and Committee Appointments

Please supply answers to the following. The Town will provide access to a computer and printer for any applicant for the purpose of completing this form.

Name of Applicant: Aaron Kimball Date: 3/29/13
Mailing Address: PO Box 495, Hinesburg Vt. 05461
Phone Number: 802-482-7458 E-mail Address: atk@gmvt.net
Name of Commission, Board, or Committee: Planning Commission

Hinesburg Resident: Y N (circle one)

Hinesburg Resident for how long? 12 / NA
years

- 1) Review the Mission Statement of the Commission, Board, or Committee you are applying to serve on and explain how you will aid the group achieve said Mission.
- 2) Please share your thoughts about implementation of at least two of the Top Priority Goals and Recommendations in the latest Town Plan (Section 9, page 75), as it relates to the Commission, Board, or Commission on which you are applying to serve.
- 3) Review the scheduled meeting day/time of the Commission, Board, or Committee along with the length of the term of the position. Will you be able to regularly make the meetings?: Y / N Will you be able to serve for the term of the position? Y / N
- 4) Please introduce yourself to the Selectboard by providing a short cover letter and/or a resume.

March 29, 2013

Joe Colangelo
Town of Hinesburg
Office of Town Administrator
10632 VT Route 116
Hinesburg VT 05461

Re: Application for Consideration to Serve on the Planning Commission

Dear Select Board Members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Town of Hinesburg's Planning Commission. I have included with this letter a completed application form.

My qualifications for consideration to the Planning Commission are:

- I am a resident of Hinesburg and employed locally by Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom.
- For the past five years I have served on the Village Steering Committee (VSC) in an advisory role to the Select Board. The VSC is charged with advocating for quality of life policy and opportunities in the village area. I have served as the recording secretary for the past four years.
- I have also served on the advisory Lot 1 Committee at Creekside. This committee was charged with developing a plan, on a budget, to bring about a proposal to enhance the Police and Fire Stations, create a community center, and develop a public park. This work led to the successful town bond vote this year for the construction of a new Police Station.
- I bring with me a solid understanding of how our municipal government works, both as a participant and as an active observer, following Planning Commission, DRB, and Select Board meetings on VCAM and in person.
- I am personally committed to the Town of Hinesburg, our community, and Hinesburg's future. My wife and I have a son at Hinesburg Community School where I am active as a member of the parent's organization, Parents in Education (PiE), and will be actively participating in the upcoming school board budget process this coming fiscal year as a "Budget Buddy".

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AKimball", written in a cursive style.

Aaron Kimball

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Application Form Questions for Town Commission, Board, and Committee Appointments

Applicant: **Aaron Kimball** | PO Box 495, Hinesburg Vt. 05461 | 802-482-7458 | atk@gmavt.net
For Consideration for Planning Commission - March 29, 2012

1) Review the Mission Statement of the Commission, Board, or Committee you are applying to serve on and explain how you will aid the group achieve said Mission. I have reviewed the stated Roles and Responsibilities of the Planning Commission as outlined in Chapter 23 of the VLCT publication "Handbook for Vermont Town Officers" (copyright 1999). I understand that success on the commission requires analytical thought, compassionate action, and an understanding of a shared community value system. Additionally, I recognize that success as a board is best achieved through a collaborative approach. I believe that I can bring these qualities to the group as a member of the commission. I present myself to the Select Board as a candidate for the Planning Commission as one who looks to build consensus in community, and one who looks to champion cooperative and participatory ways in which decisions about how we govern and guide ourselves are established.

2) Please share your thoughts about implementation of at least two of the Top Priority Goals and Recommendations in the latest Town Plan (Sec. 9, page 75), as it relates to the Commission, Board, or Commission on which you are applying to serve.

Improve existing and future transportation network connectivity for pedestrians and vehicles: As Hinesburg grows, by any measure of this idea, there will be an increased demand for all aspects of our current systems of roads, sidewalks, trails, and movement pathways; both formal and informal. Critical thought will be required to creatively imagine how Hinesburg as a community will need to approach the challenges of future increased capacity within acceptable community ratios. Hinesburg will grow. The challenge will be how to care for the qualities that keep us all here as a community without our own success negating that very facility we seek to protect.

Encourage sustainable economic development in Hinesburg that embodies the values expressed in the Town Plan: This is a wide-open topic that I would enjoy exploring and developing more as a Planning Commission member. In fact, our own Town Plan states that this topic could be expanded upon "perhaps as a new standalone section with more specific goals and recommendations". What makes this topic so ripe for exploration and action is that it is so very intricately tied into the macro conversation statewide about the experience of starting and running a business here in Vermont right down to the micro of allowable practices as outlined in specific zoning regulations here in town. Certainly a subject I am not an expert in but, one that I think has significant implications for the long-term vitality of our state.

3) Review the scheduled meeting day/time of the Commission, Board, or Committee along with the length of the term of the position. Will you be able to regularly make the meetings?: Y / N Will you be able to serve for the term of the position? Y / N I have reviewed the Planning Commission's scheduled meeting day and time. I will be able to regularly make meetings, and I plan to serve the appointed term of the position.

4) Please introduce yourself to the Select Board by providing a short cover letter and/or a resume. See attached letter.