



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: Andrea Bayer Date: 9/25/14

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Name of Commission, Board, or Committee: Development Review Board

Hinesburg Resident: Y N (circle one)

Hinesburg Resident for how long? 26 Y/~~SA~~

- 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.

Please see page 2 of this application

- 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.

Please see pages 2-3 of this application

- 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.

Please see my resume included with this application

1. Review the Mission Statement of the Board you are applying to serve on and explain how you will aid the group in achieving said mission:

DRB mission statement: “The Development Review Board (DRB) reviews all development projects that require Town review under the Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Regulations, including variances, conditional uses, site plan reviews and subdivisions. The Board meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. To be on the agenda, call the Planning and Zoning Office.”

My legal background has trained me to objectively consider whether any proposed development projects meet documented town or state requirements. I carefully review all relevant information and testimony to ensure that all decisions are made according to the proper standards. I am a good listener and I understand how to ask penetrating questions of applicants. I work well with people and believe that common sense is needed for sound decision making.

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.

A top priority goal and recommendation in the Town Plan (Section 9, page 76) is “To encourage affordable and reasonably priced housing, in part by pursuing opportunities to bring affordable housing units to Hinesburg, with consideration of impacts to public services. (2.2.1)”

This goal and recommendation is best implemented by requiring that developers include a sufficient number of affordable and reasonably priced housing units in their developments. What constitutes a sufficient number is determined by several factors, including the size and scope of the project, the location and area of the project, the purpose of the project and constraints such as environmental considerations. Impacts of developments on public services is a vital consideration that must be weighed carefully by the DRB. It is critical that our schools, police, fire and other services operate at an optimal level for the long and short term well-being of the town.

A second top priority goal and recommendation of the Town Plan (Section 9, page 76) is “To guide transportation program maintenance and improvement to mitigate increasing traffic congestion (especially on the Route 116 corridor within the village) and bolster economic development, while also supporting efforts to promote ridesharing, public transportation use, and other alternative transportation options.”

This goal and recommendation is complex. I live south of the village and have experienced firsthand on many occasions the congestion on the Route 116 corridor within the village. It is definitely a problem that must be addressed for the long term economic viability of the village. Unfortunately, there does not appear to be an alternative north-south route that can alleviate a meaningful proportion of this traffic. The potential impact on Route 116 traffic is an important factor to be evaluated by the DRB in its consideration of proposed developments. This includes ensuring that developments provide as many outlets onto roads other than Route 116 as is possible given the location and constraints of the development. The DRB must also ensure in its decisions that support is given to public transportation; if, for example, buses run smoothly and are on time, more residents will be inclined to use them and traffic will therefore be alleviated. At the same time, economic growth and development is critical to a thriving town. Therefore, a careful balance must be struck and common sense invoked so that considerations of traffic congestion do not go so far as to impede healthy economic growth.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Administrative Director, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, VT - 2006 to present

Associate Attorney, Hoff Curtis, PC, Burlington, VT - 1991-1993

Instructor in Criminal Law and Procedure, Woodbury College, Montpelier, VT – 1989

Associate Attorney, Huddle & Amis, Burlington, VT 1998

Law Clerk, Office of the Public Defender, Brattleboro, VT – 1986

Staff Attorney, Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York City – 1980-1984

Associate Attorney in Litigation, Rosenman, Colin, Freund, Lewis & Cohen, New York City – 1980-1981

Law Clerk to the Honorable Dudley B. Bonsal, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York – 1979-1980

EDUCATION

J.D. Degree, Hofstra University School of Law (1979)

Class Rank: 4 in a class of 209 students

3.55 grade point average

Managing Editor, *Hofstra Law Review*

Published Legal Article: Medicaid Funding for Abortions, The Medicaid Statute
And the Equal Protection Clause, 6 *Hofstra Law Review* 421

Moot Court Honors

Federal Procedure Award

A.B. Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio (1976)

Class rank: 13 in a class of 367 students

3.76 grade point average

Graduated *Summa Cum Laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*

Graduated with High Honors in Political Science

Awarded the John Chestnut Memorial Prize for Outstanding Work in Political
Science

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Completed a course entitled, Negotiating, Collaborating and Leading in Today's world at the Woodstock Institute for Negotiation, Woodstock, VT – 2003

Completed a course in Mediation Training at Woodbury College, Montpelier, VT – 1997

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Town of Hinesburg, Vermont Development Review Board – Alternate Member – June 2013 to present

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, VT - 2001-2004

Member of the Board of Trustees, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, VT – 1998-2004

Served on the Enrollment, Finance and Tuition Scholarship committees, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, VT 1998-2006

Editor of the *Chronicle*, a journal published by the Lake Champlain Waldorf School – 1993-1996