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Trails Committee Appointment

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Mr. Trevor Lashua

Town Administrator

Town of Hinesburg

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Dear Mr. Lashua,

There is an upcoming vacancy on the town Trails Committee and I would like you to submit my name to the Select Board as a volunteer willing to fill this position. I learned of this vacancy from a neighbor, Jane Sheldon, who serves on the committee, and I have met with the Trails Committee Chair, Lenore Budd, to discuss the committee's work and my ability to contribute to its goals. I have read the committee's charter and the minutes of the last several meetings, have walked some of the HART trails in both of the town forests and the Geprags Park, and have been out once on a trail-clearing walk with Jane Sheldon in that park.

My wife and I are retired federal employees who both grew up and went to college in the north country, but spent most of the last forty years inside the Beltway. We relocated to Hinesburg a little over a year ago, not only to be close to relatives in Burlington, but also to live in a country town with lots of outdoor recreational opportunities. We walk trails or back roads several times each week and are very happy with our choice of Hinesburg. Now I would like to participate in the nurturing of the town's trail system.

My background includes BA Dartmouth (Geography), MA Syracuse (Geography), active duty 3 years Captain USAR Military Intelligence photo interpreter, CIA 6 years imagery analyst, US Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research 31 years, Imagery Policy Coordinator. I can read a map and attend committee meetings, even interagency ones! More important, I have been a hiker all my life (and even a mountaineer in my youth), love the outdoors, and am supportive of conservation. I am now managing my 110 acre forest in Connecticut under its forth 10-year Forest Stewardship Management Plan with active practices under way that qualify it for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Stewardship Program. I am reasonably active and capable of some contributions to trail maintenance, although neither my age nor my knees are moving in the right direction for much more strenuous activities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely,

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