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To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently learned about the vacancies on the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee. As a relatively new Hinesburg resident and active outdoors enthusiast, I am looking for ways to get more involved in my community and make a positive impact. I will attend my first committee meeting on October 8th to learn more about the current issues.

Over the years and throughout my education, I have been actively involved with participating in and promoting outdoor activities and pursuits. I earned a B.S. in Recreation Resource & Ski Area Management degree from Lyndon State College in 1998. Within that program, I was concentrated in Adventure Based Program Management. Our course work was centered around being in the field and creating experiences for individuals and groups with a high regard for both resource and risk management. In fact, many of our special projects (including "deer yard" inventories and water runoff on agricultural lands) echo some of the high priority issues outlined in the Hinesburg Town Plan.

I have been closely tied to land management as it relates to mountain biking. I spent my summers in college working for a mountain bike race promoter in Oregon. We developed an entire network of trails in cooperation with the USFS. As an intern, I worked for a company dedicated to providing bicycle touring experiences to teens. Much of the planning included working with state and local agencies to obtain access for our trips. Years later, I rode my mountain bike from Canada to Mexico along the Continental Divide. In my current professional life, I interact with land and facility managers as it relates to putting on automotive events. Last but not least, a large part of the reason we chose to move to Hinesburg was the ease of access to a tremendous number of outstanding trails.

Without a doubt, obtaining the experiences above has been a great adventure, I feel as though it is time to put them to use to help ensure that other people have the same opportunities that I have. I hope that my experience and ideals align with the mission of the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee, and that I be considered to help in its stewardship.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hans



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: Kevin Hans Date: 10/8/14

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Name of Commission, Board, or Committee: Hinesburg Town Forest

Hinesburg Resident: Y / N (circle one)

Hinesburg Resident for how long? 1.5 years / NA

- 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.

Please see attached pages.

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As a Hinesburg resident and active user of the trail system in and around the Hinesburg Town Forest, I appreciate the land for its recreational opportunities, historical significance, natural beauty and resources. With rapid development happening in Hinesburg and other communities within the Champlain Valley, resources like the Hinesburg Town Forest will undoubtedly come under more pressure as the population of potential users increases. This will have to be managed for in such a way to promote not only appropriate access and use of the land, but also a strong sense of stewardship in land users going forward.

- 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.

Q.) Evaluate Town recreational needs, and create a strategic plan for the future that includes present and desired future programs. (5.4, 5.4.1b)

A.) With the Hinesburg Town Forest constituting an enormous resource for personal recreation, identifying the needs of residents and types of uses will help manage the forest for the long term. Additionally, I believe that the resource comes under growing additional pressure from residents of other communities as well and special consideration should be applied.

Q.) Improve existing and future transportation network connectivity for pedestrians and vehicles. Develop policies and incentives, which encourage developers to plan for and create interconnected transportation networks as part of future development. Evaluate improvements to selected Class IV roads to function better as recreation and alternate transportation paths as components of the townwide trail network. (5.4.1j, 6.4c, 6.5e, 6.6a)

A.) Hinesburg, by its nature of rolling terrain and low population density, ends up being a very "vehicle dependent" place. Aside from the village area, it is not very walkable or bikeable for that matter. However, there does exist byways that connect many of the otherwise dead end roads. Between those and incorporating aspects of the HTF and some of the other public lands in the town, I believe a comprehensive network of trails could be developed and used not only for recreation and fitness, but as a way for people to simply navigate their way around town without always depending on motorized transport. Many of the resources to do this already exist. Generating awareness and promoting the benefits both personally and community wide seem like natural next steps.

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As an independent contractor who primarily works out of town, I do not always have advanced notice of where my travels will take me or when. However, I am currently looking to spend less time traveling and more time at home so I expect the situation to improve over time.

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Education

1995-1998 Lyndon State College Lyndonville, VT

B.S. Recreation Resource and Ski Area Management with a concentration in Adventure Based Program Management.

Work Experience

August '00 – Present Jaguar / Land Rover North America Mahwah, NJ

JLR Academy Instructor. Responsibilities include off road driving instruction ranging from novice to advanced multi-day courses (Dept. of Defense), planning and facilitating corporate team building events, new vehicle introductions, marketing events and press relations as well as the daily operation of the Land Rover Experience driving schools at four sites in North America.

April '05 – Present Plus Four International Londonderry, NH

Instructor / Facilitator. Responsibilities include facilitating major vehicle launches (Land Rover and Jaguar) as new models are introduced, retailer training on an “in-store” basis where small teams are introduced to individual retail outlets as well as destination locations where participants travel in to experience the vehicles.

September '10 – Present Porsche Sport Driving School Leeds, AL

Instructor / Facilitator. Responsibilities include advanced driving instruction in a track setting. Launching new vehicles to the dealer network. Supporting factory sponsored performance driving events at locations around the country.

August 'December '03 – Present Team O'Neil Rally School Dalton, NH

Driving Instructor. Responsibilities include conducting courses in defensive, evasive and competition driving techniques on loose surfaces (gravel, snow, mud) in both 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles. Other special projects include; design and implementation of a specialized technical off-road training program including vehicle recovery and driver training; facilitation of manufacturer sponsored events (Mitsubishi, Jaguar, Hummer)

02 – October '11 The 4X4 Center Williston, VT

Facilitator / Off Road Driving Instructor. Responsibilities include development and implementation of a training program for Michelin/BFGoodrich light truck tires for North American retail personnel. Also to provide off road driving instruction in Land Rover products with an emphasis on tire performance and technology, special interest training (Dept. of Defense), and training new staff members.

Other

2005-2010 Active Rally America and NASA Rallysport driver with several podium finishes.

TV Commercial Precision Driver: Land Rover Discovery 3 “Cinematographer”- February 2007

FJ Trail Teams Webisode Driver/Talent: FJ Trail Teams Presents “How To: Winter Driving”

Published Article: Land Rover Enthusiast “Left-Foot Braking”- July 2001

July-August 2000- Mountain biked the length of the Continental Divide (Canada to Mexico) completely self supported.