



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: Barbara Foraver Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Commission, Board, or Committee: Planning Commission

Hinesburg Resident:  Y  N (circle one)

Hinesburg Resident for how long? 39 / 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.

## Responses to Application Questions:

From: Barbara Forauer

1. Aiding the mission statement:

This will be a challenge for me as my knowledge of zoning regulations is minimal. I understand that each situation is taken one at a time so this will allow for learning what is needed. My learning curve will be huge. I am willing to research, review and learn to understand what is being discussed.

2. Goals and recommendations:

I am not an expert in any of these areas and have a smattering of knowledge in several. What I offer is a willingness to learn more in depth of several of the goals. Having read through the goals and recommendations, I realize several have already been met. Of the remaining ones, those that interest me are:

“ Affordable housing with its impact to public services.”

My hours of volunteering at our local food shelf and delivering meals on wheels has given me some unique opportunities to witness what is needed. Economic development is strongly tied to the housing and public services issue.

“Water quality...”

Water issues are a personal vendetta with me. I recognize that in the coming years water will be the most fought over necessity in the world, not just Hinesburg. I have the passion to learn more about this particular area. Studying what other countries have done to protect their water sources is vital. Our waste products are the other part that needs study too. We are fortunate to have VPIRG working for us all.

“Transportation networking...”

We all recognize transportation as an imperative to our future development. Encouraging developers to put transportation (foot and vehicular) into their plans has already made our village more useable. I offer my interest in seeing this improved, maintained and enforced.

Accompanying letter for Planning Commission Position

From: Barbara Forauer

I have come to realize it is time to use my years of experience and accumulated wisdom in a way that will contribute to my town.

Personally I try to look at situations from several viewpoints as a way to gather information. I listen intently to understand what someone is saying. I ask questions for clarity. Using questions helps to confirm my own understanding while offering this to others too.

Until I am clear about my verbal response, I believe my strength is in the written word .

If I do not agree with the opinion of another person, I do respectfully let them express it without engaging in battle!

My background is as a teacher for 30 years. I have been retired for 12 years. Travel has been a big part of these 12 years.

We have been and are actively involved in many volunteer activities, i.e. Hinesburg Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, Burlington Marathon, Audubon Society events, Animal Rights supporter with HS of US, VT retired teachers, and a variety of United Church events needing volunteers.

I have worked with many personalities on my life journey. I simply offer my willingness to serve, to learn and to share for the continued success of Hinesburg.