

Standard Application form for Town Commissions, Boards, and Committees

Town of Hinesburg, Vermont

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Name of Commission, Board, or Committee: Planning Commission

Hinesburg Resident: Yes

Hinesburg Resident for how long? Since 1980 (35 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.

I have lived in Hinesburg for thirty-five years. My education and work experience is in the fields of architecture and city planning. I am a founding member of the Hinesburg Land Trust and have served on the Carpenter Library Board, the Lot 15 Committee and the Public Safety Facilities Committee. I have an enduring interest in the physical environment we create and live in and how that environment affects our daily lives.

- 2) Please share your thoughts about implementation of at least two of the Top Priority Goals and Recommendations in the latest Town Plan.

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)

My work as an architect in Massachusetts and Vermont included many projects for so called "low-income" housing. The clients for these projects were nonprofit corporations (e.g. churches, residents' organizations, housing development corporations) and were financed through state and federal programs with strict guidelines for components (e.g. unit size, room sizes, accessibility, energy requirements). All of this work has given me extensive direct experience with the critical issues of bringing affordable housing to Hinesburg.

Develop zoning policies and bylaws which allow open space enterprises such as, but not limited to: community farms, farm-based bed & breakfasts and event-hosting facilities, cross-country ski facilities, game preserves or similar businesses. (3.4.6b)

As a board member of the Hinesburg Land Trust I have helped bring new open space enterprises and preserve existing ones throughout town. Through this work I have come to understand the conditions that make such businesses successful. I will be able to bring this understanding to help improve our zoning policies and by-laws.

3. 3) Review the scheduled meeting day/time of the Commission, Board, or Committee along with the length of the term of the position.

My schedule allows me to attend the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening meetings of the Planning Commission and am prepared to serve for a term of four years.