



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.

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

Hinesburg Resident: Y N (circle one)

Hinesburg Resident for how long? 2 / 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.

See Attached

- 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.

See Attached

- 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.

See Attached

1. Thoughts on Town Forest Committee Mission Statement

As a member of the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee, I would uphold the mission to provide stewardship for both of our town forests. I would take my role and responsibilities very seriously to preserve and enhance the incredible gift of nature that we have in our own backyard of our community to ensure its longevity for all to share. I welcome an opportunity to learn more about our forests from other committee members, community members, and various experts. I would listen carefully to questions, concerns, and requests by individuals and interested parties, keeping in mind and balancing what is best for the health of our town forests and the needs of our community. I would be more than happy to share my knowledge about our town forests to educate the public through public forums or other means to encourage participation and appreciation.

2. Thoughts on Top Priority Goals and Recommendations in Town Plan

Top Priority Goals and Recommendations:

- Evaluate Town recreational needs, and create a strategic plan for the future that includes present and desired future programs.
- Create a clearer system for determining allowed development density for the rural areas that gives everyone more predictability in the review process, while helping retain natural resources and important farm and forest lands. Refine and fine tune this system as natural resource assessments improve, priority resource areas are identified, and as a Town Greenspace Plan is developed.

Of the Top Priority Goals and Recommendations from the Hinesburg Town Plan these two goals in particular seem to me to be the most relevant in relationship to the Hinesburg Town Forests. According to the Vision Statement of the Town Forest Committee, the town forests are to be “used by the public as a place for recreation, quiet solitude, demonstration of sustainable forestry, water quality protection, carbon storage, and public education.”

And as per the Hinesburg Town Forest Management Plan “all uses and management [of the town forests] must be compatible with sustaining water quality, wildlife habitat, and general ecosystem function and health over the long term. Permitted uses and management will be reviewed and modified as needed based on experience and the best available information.”

Town of Hinesburg Select Board
10632 VT Route 116
Hinesburg, Vermont 05461

To whom it may concern:

Hi! I'd like to introduce myself. I've have the pleasure of being a Hinesburg resident for just about two years. Now that I've had a chance to settle in and become acquainted, I'd like to be more involved in our wonderful town.

When my neighbor, Pat Mainer, asked me if I would be interested in joining the Town Forest Committee, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to give something back to our community. I really enjoy spending time in the Town Forests. Whether I'm hiking or tracking, snowshoeing or taking my dogs for a romp, or just enjoying the trees, I so appreciate having such a wonderful places to connect with nature so close to home.

I have had experience with town politics. I served on both the public school board and the public library board in Westford where I lived for many years before moving to Hinesburg. I also co-founded the Friends of the Arts Committee to bring a permanent visual arts program to our local public school.

In addition to my political experience, I feel that I can be a contributing member of the Town Forest Committee in that I have an understanding of wildlife, both plants and animals, through the numerous courses that I've taken through continuing education at the University of Vermont and Antioch University in Keene, New Hampshire.

I attended the most recent Town Forest Committee meeting to meet the members and to get a glimpse of what it may be like to be a committee member. I really enjoyed the meeting and would like the opportunity to learn more about our town forests and be able to share that knowledge with others in our community.

I look forward to meeting you. Please let me know if there is anything else that you'd like to know about me. I can be reached by email at: corinne.johansson4@gmail.com or by phone at home: 482-5708 or cell: 578-8286.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Objective: To serve on Hinesburg Forest Committee

Summary of qualifications: Hinesburg Resident. Experienced Board Member. Appreciation of Hinesburg Town Forests. Knowledgeable about nature.

Relevant Experience

- * School Board Member - Westford School Board
- * Library Board Member - Westford Library Board
- * Friends of the Arts Committee - Co-founded committee to bring a permanent visual arts program to Westford public school

Relevant Education

- * University of Vermont - Continuing Education courses Wildlife Biology, Dendrology, Ornithology, Terrestrial Wildlife
- * Antioch New England - Masters courses in Environmental Education, Conservation Biology, Ecology and Sustainability

Work Experience: Self employed photographer, artist, preschool teacher, advocate

Personal Interests: Hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, gardening, knitting