

# Board/Commission Volunteer Application

## City of Winooski Board/Commission Application

### Applicant Information

Please check which board or commission you'd like to volunteer with:

Housing Commission , Planning Commission

Today's Date

7/13/2021

First Name

Brendan

Middle Name

Thomas

Last Name

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Preferred Name and/or Prounouns

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City

Winooski

State

Vermont

Zip Code

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Why are you interested in serving our community? List experience, history, and qualifications pertinent to the position you are applying for.

I am a 2019 J.D. graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, and a 2013 B.A. graduate of UVM. I am a licensed attorney, and I currently serve as a Law Clerk to Justice James P. Bassett of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. In September 2021, I will be joining the law firm of Downs Rachlin Martin in Burlington, as an Associate in the firm's Labor & Employment practice group.

I am interested in joining the Housing and Planning Commissions because I have a deep interest in public policy, smart development, and public service. As a Law Clerk at the New Hampshire Supreme Court, I have worked on land use and zoning cases for the state's highest court, analyzing the rationale behind zoning policies and seeing the practical effects that they can have on the life of a community. I believe that my experience at the supreme court, as well as my legal training generally, provide me with critical thinking and analytical skills

that would be an asset to the commissions.

More generally, I am a follower of national housing trends, and I regularly read articles about the efforts of cities to combat difficult challenges, including maintaining affordable housing, creating walkable and vibrant neighborhoods, and combatting climate change. I would be excited to use my skills to help the city combat these challenges and others. Such experiences would build on my past public service in the AmeriCorps program, and representing tenants in eviction proceedings while I was in law school. As I begin my career as a practicing attorney, and start to set down roots in Vermont, serving on these commissions feels like a natural progression both professionally and personally.

Finally, I am eager to meet new people and begin contributing to my new home. I moved to Winooski in April 2021, and I have great admiration for the city's vibrancy, diversity, and forward-thinking attitude. My wife and I are currently renting our apartment and loving our life here. We expect to stay in the area for many years to come, and buying a home in Winooski in a couple of years is a strong possibility. At the very least, I expect Winooski to be my home for a few years, and to play a major role in my life for a very long time. I am excited to begin forming connections in the city, and want to see it thrive.

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What is your relationship with Winooski? Are you a resident, business owner, or student?	Resident
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**Agreement**

*I understand and agree that submitting this application form does not qualify as automatic registration and that certain qualifications must be met (including the acceptance of established policies and procedures provided by the organization of interest). By submitting this form, I attest that the information I have provided on the form is true and accurate. Signature Date*

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By clicking yes, I hereby attest that all information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.	Yes
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Full Name	Brendan Sage
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