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Hello All,

I am writing today to ask for you to consider me for the open position with the Greensboro Planning Commission.

As some of you know me, and some of you do not, I wanted to tell you a bit about me, and why I am interested in this position.

Currently, I am a full time Greensboro resident. After having had the privilege of growing up here, I spent much of my 20's and 30's living in Colorado, and moved back to Vermont about 10 years ago. My professional life in the world of hospitality management has often meant long work weeks, and late nights, and has left little energy left for volunteering, let alone maintaining community connections. While Covid19 has been difficult in so many ways, for me it has offered an opportunity to pivot into a job that is using many years of my skills, and is able to be executed at home. This has finally put me in a position to be able to begin to give back to this community that I value so much.

I began looking into possibilities for that a few months ago, and the Planning Commission position feels like it may be a good fit for that. I have spoken with some members of the commission about what the job will entail, and understand that the amount of time that it is taking right now with the issues that are being dealt with is much greater than usual, but I am willing to put in the time to help with the resolution of these.

It seems that continually in this small town, there is a small group of folks that are in the positions that keep it all running, many of them that take tons of volunteer hours. I am hoping to be able to add to that pool by at least one more person.

While my knowledge of the zoning bylaws is rudimentary at best, I am more than willing to put in the time and effort to educate myself on these points in order to be prepared to make informed decisions if I am chosen for this position.

Many thanks for your consideration,
Elissa Mackin