

TOWN OF WATERBURY VERMONT
Application Form for Town Commissions, Boards, and Committees

Please submit your application to one of the below:

In person or by mail: Board Search, Town of Waterbury, 28 N. Main St. Waterbury, VT 05676 or **by email to:** karen@waterburyvt.com

Please supply the following information:

1) 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

2) Please introduce yourself to the Selectboard by providing a one page cover letter detailing your background, experience, and interest in the board/commission/committee you are applying for. A 1-2 page resume is optional.

Name of Applicant: Brooks Fortune

Date: 3/27/25

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee and term (if known):

Harwood Unified Union School Board

How many years have you served on this Committee? 0 Years

If you serve on another Commission/Board/ Committee, please indicate which one(s):

N/A

If you were referred or recommended for this position by someone, please share that reference's name and contact information.

N/A

Waterbury Resident: Y/ N (circle one)

Please note, applicants are asked to attend the selectboard meeting at which volunteers will be nominated to their respective positions. If you cannot attend, please email Karen@waterburyvt.com in advance of the meeting to provide additional background information.

All policies that apply to the town's Select Board also apply to all boards, commissions, and committees. Policies may be found at www.waterburyvt.com/ordinances.

For hard copies or accessibility accommodations please contact: Karen Petrovic; karen@waterburyvt.com

Brooks Fortune
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Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Harwood Unified Union School Board
340 Mad River Pk, Ste. 7
Waitsfield, VT 05673
VIA EMAIL: awoods@huusd.org; mlechlitter@huusd.org

Dear Chairperson Woods and Superintendent Leichliter:

I seek appointment to the Harwood Unified Union School Board for that term ending on Town Meeting Day in March 2026. I am a Brookside Primary School parent and reside in Waterbury.

I currently serve as General Counsel to a healthcare company. Previously, I was engaged in the private practice of law, where I primarily represented UVMHN and area hospitals. I am a business lawyer, entrusted to resolve as best as practicable all manner of issues from private disputes and transactions to government-facing regulatory, administrative, and compliance matters.

Germane to this Board position, I currently serve on the Board of an educational foundation with \$20M in assets dedicated to these endeavors. Through this I have been able to build consensus to direct grants to local educational institutions. That work is very important to me.

My two children will attend Harwood schools. It is my hope that they receive the best education possible here. I also appreciate some of the limitations in operating public schools in this area, and that the Board has much to consider in the near term: the closure of certain schools and statewide policymaking affecting the contours of the current administrative model. I have no strong opinions on these matters at this time. If appointed, I will listen to administrators, experts, stakeholders, and policymakers, and dutifully discharge my decision-making duties with the other members of the Board.

I am grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely,
s/ Brooks Fortune