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I am writing to express my interest and enthusiasm for participating in a Town of Waterbury committee. My husband and I moved to Waterbury in 2022, and I have just retired. I am eager to find meaningful volunteer opportunities in our community.

Before relocating to Waterbury, we lived for decades in the village of Granville, Ohio. Like Waterbury, it is a beautiful, safe, and historic little town with residents who work hard to keep that way. Waterbury attracted us for similar reasons. We have found it to be a lovely, authentic community in a gorgeous part of the world.

I am a PhD economist who spent most of my career as a property-casualty actuary. A key focus of my career was the pricing and management of catastrophic risk using statistical models. I also was responsible for structuring and negotiating catastrophe reinsurance treaties. Although my work was technical, my role as team leader, supporting and mentoring others, is a key accomplishment of my career. I also enjoy turning complex concepts or messy data into a clear, non-technical narrative.

During the past 20 years or so, I was an active volunteer for the Casualty Actuarial Society, serving on numerous committees related to actuarial education. Prior to that, I served as Treasurer of the Granville Food Coop and as a leader for my daughter’s Brownie Girl Scout Troup.

After reviewing the minutes and agendas for the various committees, I am most interested in the Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee. Flood risk is changing, obviously, and the flood insurance market is inadequate. Preparedness and mitigation are key. I would love to participate on this committee, especially because it is new and still evolving. Although I think this is my first choice, I do not know a great deal about the committees. If you think I could be helpful on another committee, such as the Planning Commission, I am open to that.

Thank you for your consideration!