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TOWN OF ACTON
472 Main Street
Acton, Massachusetts, 01720

VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

On November 28, 05 the Volunteer Coordinating Committee voted to say Jon Benson is a good candidate for the Community Preservation Committee. They meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Acton Memorial Library or ^{at} the Town Hall.

Jon has lived in Acton 31 years and he is a lawyer practicing family law with Benjamin and Benson in Cambridge. He was on the FINCOM from 1983 to 1986 as well as on the search committee for a town manager in 1987. From 1996 to 1999 he was on the board of the Acton Library Foundation. In April 2005 he sent a letter and applied to be on the CPC. He is eager once again to serve on the government side of town affairs.

Benson supported the passage of the Community Preservation Act and in the ability under the statute to set aside funds for the future acquisition and preservation of open space. He is impressed by the range of good projects the Committee has supported and shepherded through Town Meeting. Jon would like to be a part of the process.

Nancy A. Whitcomb, Chairman VCC
November 30, 2005

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Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Volunteer Application

Town of Acton
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Telephone (978) 264-9612
Fax (978) 264-9630
E-mail vcc@acton-ma.gov

Residents interested in serving on a Town Board, Committee or Commission are requested to complete this form and forward it to the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall.

(Please print or type)

Title Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.	E-mail Address jonbenson@benjaminandbenson.com	Date 10/18/05
Last Name Benson	First Name Jon	Middle Initial -
Street Address 21 Decatur Hunt Drive	Home Phone 978.263.8281	Business Phone 617.577.1515

Please refer to the other side of this sheet and indicate below, in order of preference, the Board, Committee or Commission that is of interest to you: Community Preservation Committee only

Have you previously been a member of a Board, Committee or Commission (either in Acton or elsewhere)? If so, please list the Board name and your approximate dates of service:
Finance Committee (1983-86); Town Manager Search Committee (1987?)
Legis Board Member, Friendly Acton Library (1996-1998)

Do you have any time restrictions? No

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes How long have you lived in Acton? 24 yrs In Massachusetts? 31 years

Present occupation and employer (Optional: Attach résumé) Lawyer, Benjamin & Benson,
43 Monckie Street, Cambridge, MA 02141

Do you or your employer have any current or potential business relationship with the Town of Acton that could create a conflict of interest? None

Education or special training: Lawyer

Please list below any additional information or comments that may help in the matching of your interests with the most appropriate Board/Committee, such as civic experience, special interest/hobbies, etc.:

See my letter to Peter Berry dated 4/19/05 attached

Town of Acton Volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions

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| Acton Community Housing | Historic District Commission |
| Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council | Historical Commission |
| Aging, Council on | Joint Technology Advisory Committee |
| Appeals, Board of | Metropolitan Advisory Planning Council |
| Assessors, Board of | Minuteman Home Care |
| Cable Advisory Committee | Minuteman Vocational School Representative |
| Cemetery Commission | Personnel Board |
| Commission on Disabilities | Planning Board |
| Community Preservation Committee | Public Ceremonies Committee |
| Conservation Commission | Recreation Commission |
| Fair Housing Committee | South Acton Revitalization Committee |
| Finance Committee | Town Report Committee |
| Hanscom Field Advisory | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| Health, Board of | Volunteer Coordinating Committee |

Thank you. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact a member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee. Current membership may be obtained through the Town Manager's office at Town Hall, (978) 264-9612.

The space below is for use by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and the appointing body to record the status of your application.

VCC Interview	Appointing Body
Applicant Called <u>11/08/05</u>	Selectmen / Manager / Moderator
Schedule Date & Time <u>11/28/05, 8:00pm</u>	Interview Date _____
Recommendation _____	Appointed Date _____
	Term _____
Board, Committee or Commission	
_____	Member / Alternate / Associate
_____	Member / Alternate / Associate
_____	Member / Alternate / Associate
_____	Member / Alternate / Associate
	Notification of Appointment
Recommendation Sent _____	Received by VCC _____
	Committee Notified _____
<input type="checkbox"/> No openings at this time	Applicant Notified _____

21 Deacon Hunt Drive
Acton, Massachusetts 01720
April 19, 2005

Mr. Peter Berry
39 Faulkner Hill Road
Acton, Massachusetts 01720

Dear Mr. Berry,

I understand there is an "at large" position open on the Community Preservation Committee and wish to express my interest in serving on the committee. I have sent the "Volunteer Application" to Christine Joyce.

My wife and I have lived in Acton for twenty four years. Pam is the chairperson of the Social Studies Department at the high school. We have two sons. Ward is a sophomore at Princeton and Marty is a junior at AB. I am a lawyer and practice family law with Benjamin & Benson in Cambridge.

From 1983 to 1986, I served on the Finance Committee and was vice chairman for 1985-1986 budget term. In 1987, I served as a member of the town manager search committee, which resulted in the appointment of Don Johnson. From 1996 to 1999, I was on the board of the Acton Library Foundation. My life-long passion has been electoral politics. I have had leadership roles in the local campaigns of Nancy Banks (1995 and 1998), Philip Zelikow (1996), Jasmin Brandeis (1997) and Dore Hunter (1999 and 2002) and in the override campaigns in 1999 and 2005 and the high school expansion/renovation override in 2000.

Approaching life as an empty nester, I am eager to participate again on the government side of town affairs. I supported the passage of the Community Preservation Act and am particularly interested in our ability under the

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statute to set aside funds for the future acquisition and preservation of open space. As I have watched the Committee over the past two years, I have been most impressed by the range of good projects it has supported and shepherded through Town Meeting. I would like to be a part of the process.

I look forward to talking with you in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Benson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jon Benson

Cc: Board of Selectmen