



APPLICATION FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attached is information about serving on the Minturn DDA Board.

Each member serving on a commission or board must reside in the Town of Minturn.

If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please complete the application and return it to Minturn Town Hall, or to the appropriate email address as noted below. Thank you for your interest in serving your community.

- **Planning Commission**

- Number of members: 5 members, as detailed below
- Length of term: 4 years, following initial terms (initial terms are staggered)
- Meeting date & time: TBD by the Board
- Eligibility Requirement: See below
- Submit Application to: Cindy Krieg, Economic Development
events@minturn.org, or in person

The Authority shall have a Board of Directors
(the “Board”) comprised of 5 members appointed by the Town Council, constituted as follows:

- a. One member shall be a member of the Town Council, appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Town Council.
- b. All members aside from the Town Council member shall be property owners, employees or agents of a business, business lessees, or residents within the designated boundaries of the Authority.
- c. A business shall include a for-profit business, and business representatives may be an owner, officer or director of a corporation.
- d. No officer or employee of the Town, other than an appointee from the Town Council, shall be eligible for appointment to the Board

TERMS. A Board member shall hold office until their successor has been appointed and qualified. After the terms of the initial members of the Board have expired, the terms of all members except the Town Council member appointed by the Board shall be four (4) years. Within 30 days after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Town Council shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The term of the initial board members shall be as follows:

- A. The Town Council member shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council.
- B. The terms of 2 members shall expire on June 30, 2025.
- C. The terms of 2 members shall expire on June 30, 2026.



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Return completed application to:
Town of Minturn
302 Pine St, Minturn CO 81645
(or via email – see previous page)

Board you are interested in serving on: DDA Board of Directors

Name: Spence Neubauer

Mailing Address: PO Box 1253, Minturn, CO 81645

Residence within District (Physical Address): 444 Eagle River St, Minturn, CO 81645

OR Business Name & Address OR Property Address within the District (Physical Address):

161 Main St, Minturn, CO 81645

Phone: 603-770-8756

Email: spence@minturnwhisky.com

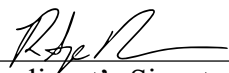
Length of Residency (OR Business / Property Ownership) in the Town of Minturn: 9 years

Are You Over 18 Years of Age? Yes

Current Occupation: Chief Operations Officer

Employer: Minturn Whisky Co.

I hereby certify and affirm that all the information contained in this application is true, complete and correct. I understand that false or misleading statements or the omission of important information made on this application or any time during the process may disqualify me from serving for this position. I understand that the Board of Trustees must appoint members to all Boards and Commissions.


Applicant's Signature

01/14/2025
Date

(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)

Appointed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ New Appointment ☐ Reappointment

Appointment Date: Term expiration:



1.) Tell us briefly about yourself, why you are interested in being appointed and what experience or education would you bring to this Commission / Board?

Since moving to the valley in 2012, I've always felt a strong connection to Minturn. It's a wonderful small town with beautiful surroundings and close proximity to world-class recreation. My family and I were fortunate enough to purchase a home here in 2017, and we've loved raising our children in this community. My wife, Stefanie, and I also own Minturn Whisky Company, an American Single Malt distillery and tasting room in town.

I'm interested in serving on the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors because we are both property and business owners within the district, and I've been closely involved in the DDA's formation. I see this as an exciting opportunity to help Minturn's commercial core thrive and bring additional revenue to the town and help its local businesses.

I have many years of experience in entrepreneurship and business administration. In the process of building our distillery, I also became familiar with the Town's building permitting process, which I believe will be valuable to the Board as we collaborate on development projects.

2.) Why do you wish to be appointed/reappointed to this Board?

I wish to be appointed to this Board because I want to help guide Minturn's growth in a way that benefits both current and future business owners, while preserving our small-town charm. Serving in this capacity would allow me to leverage my entrepreneurial experience to ensure development initiatives are sustainable and beneficial for the entire community. I'm committed to working collaboratively with fellow board members to promote economic vitality, foster opportunities for local entrepreneurs, and keep Minturn an exceptional place to live, work, and visit.

3.) Are you aware of the time commitment and do you have the personal time to devote to this Commission or Board?

Yes, I'm fully aware of the time commitment and have the flexibility in my schedule to meet the Board's needs. I'm already deeply involved in the community, so I'm ready to dedicate the necessary hours to attend meetings, collaborate on projects, and fulfill any additional responsibilities that come with serving on this Board.

4.) What other Boards have you served on?

I'm currently in my third year serving as Treasurer on the Red Sandstone Elementary School PTO Board of Directors, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit. In that role, I'm responsible for maintaining accurate accounting records and ensuring the organization remains financially compliant. We raise and donate over \$50,000 per year to support the school's programs and initiatives

I also serve on the Board of Eagle River Holdings Ltd, our holding company, where I am involved in strategic planning and business administration



1.) If appointed, what would you like to accomplish on this Board while you are involved?

If appointed, I would like to help strengthen Minturn's economic vitality in a way that stays true to our small-town character. This includes championing new initiatives that attract visitors and revenue, supporting existing businesses, and fostering collaboration among local entrepreneurs. I'm also interested in ensuring that development projects are practical, sustainable, and beneficial for everyone who calls Minturn home. Ultimately, I hope my experience and passion for this community will contribute to thoughtful planning and long-term prosperity.

2.) What do you believe could be a concern or issue facing this Commission or Board?

I believe one of the biggest challenges for this Board will be balancing the desire for economic growth with the need to preserve Minturn's distinct small-town identity. As we pursue development opportunities, it's important to stay mindful of potential impacts on infrastructure, the environment, and the community's unique culture. Another concern could be ensuring transparency and open communication among all stakeholders—residents, business owners, and local officials—to maintain trust and a shared vision as Minturn evolves.

3.) What do you think the Town's responsibility is in overseeing and regulating commercial development and economic growth for the downtown commercial core?

I believe the Town's primary responsibility is to establish a balanced and supportive framework for commercial development—one that encourages economic growth while upholding the guiding principles of the Minturn Community Plan:

- Preserve its small-town charm and historic character – This involves careful oversight of building design and a commitment to maintaining the Town's rich heritage and mountain aesthetic.
- Foster a vibrant commercial core – The Town can facilitate local entrepreneurship and encourage the kinds of businesses and services that meet both resident and visitor needs.
- Promote sustainable, responsible development – By ensuring projects respect the natural environment, adhere to clear design standards, and align with the community's values, the Town supports both long-term ecological health and economic vitality.
- Encourage walkability and connectivity – A key component of the Community Plan is maintaining safe pedestrian routes and improving access, thus creating a downtown that is both inviting and functional for everyone.

By actively regulating and guiding commercial growth in line with these principles, the Town can ensure development decisions are transparent, respect Minturn's heritage, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your interest and time commitment in serving your community.