

Hannah,

I would like to put forward my name for the Richmond Town Forest Andrews Community Forest committee. The Richmond Town Forest is a wonderful new municipal resource. With the draft management plan already in place, an important role for the permanent ACF committee will be to implement the plan with physical improvements and setting policies.

I have lived in Richmond for over 30 years and have enjoyed our of water and land recreational resources during that time. I bring a variety of professional and volunteer experiences and skills that would serve as assets within the committee. I have worked in town governments or nonprofit organizations for most of my professional career and would bring skills to facilitate effective and successful decision-making within the group. As a volunteer committee member (planning commission) and Town Planner (for seven years), I understand how our town government works -- and respect the processes that the ACF committee will follow as the implementation unfolds. While I have attended a number of meetings related to the new town forest and strongly supported its development, I do not belong to any of the interest groups (trail riders, hikers, hunters, conservation groups, etc.) which have taken public positions about the forest's uses. My goal is to see the town forest be able to serve the recreational needs of multiple groups and, at the same time, preserve the critical environmental resources found within the forest. I believe that I can bring that perspective to help manage the new townforest as a member of the ACF committee.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like any additional information about my background, please don't hesitate to contact me again.

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