

Proposal for Outdoor Tables adjacent to the Richmond Free Library

In a collaborative effort to improve the Town of Richmond's under-utilized green spaces, Radiate Art Space, the Friends of the Richmond Free Library, and the the Richmond Recreation Committee are encouraging the Town to purchase new outdoor tables specifically for the Town Center/Richmond Free Library "campus." More specifically, we hope to support the town financially to place the outdoor tables adjacent to the library, with the ability to move them as deemed necessary.

Currently, there is only *one* outdoor table behind the Library, which has seen a significant amount of use over the last few years. While library patrons/staff might be the most obvious users, the table also gets utilized quite frequently by children who use the library as a safe after-school alternative, by parents with young children/toddlers following regular library events, by all age groups in arts programming at Radiate, among other public users. Other groups who are moving into or already inhabit the Town Center have also expressed support and interest in using the tables, including the Historical Society, MMCTV, and OCCC. The library has installed a far ranging WiFi Hotspot to facilitate connectivity after closing its public computer space. The Library intends to continue the Hotspot license to serve that space even after opening the building to the public to facilitate different avenues of connectivity. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to socially distance and get fresh air has made all of us expand our ideas of what our outdoor public spaces can provide. To that end, we are encouraging the town to purchase 3 outdoor tables to make the space behind the library more fully accommodate this increased demand.

After much research, we suggest the town purchase 3 steel powder-coated tables.

Advantages include:

- durability (steel framework)
- powder-coating resists cutting and vandalism,
- smooth finish prevents mold and mildew creating an easily wiped down/sanitized surfaces
- rain/water can flow through open mesh surfaces;
- walk-through seating design which is easier for *all* age groups (as opposed to a traditional picnic-style table that has A-frame legs that you must step over to sit down)
- low/no maintenance, UV protection; no storage necessary in the winter months
- environmentally friendly

Other considerations:

- ADA/wheelchair compatible: we are proposing that 1 of the 3 tables is ADA compatible, with a longer overhang at one end or absent a seat in that section
- We realize and acknowledge that this will make mowing more difficult for the Town maintenance crew and that the tables will need to be moved. However, Library staff have already conferred with Highway Department Foreman and have agreed to plan around the mowing schedule.

We have three groups who would be willing to financially support the town in the purchase of these tables. In combination, they represent more than half the cost to town, which would benefit all community members. They include the Friends of the Library (\$650), Radiate Art Space (\$650) and the Historical Society (\$250). We ask that the Town process the purchase of these tables to clearly delineate these tables as Town property and hope the Town will provide the funds to make this project possible.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.

Rebecca Rouiller, Executive Director, Radiate Art Space

We researched several websites and ULINE has the best prices. There are a few options for the ADA accessible table. The ability to move the tables as needed for programming and mowing should be taken into consideration.

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H-2128G	6' Rectangle	72 x 61 x 31"	145	\$650	\$600	Green ▾	<input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="button" value="ADD"/>

METAL ADA PICNIC TABLES

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RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
RICHMOND, VERMONT 05477

April 1, 2021

Dear Members of the Richmond Selectboard,

The Richmond Historical Society Board supports the proposal from Rebecca Rouiller of Radiate Art to purchase four picnic tables for placement at the Town Center. We feel that these tables will allow two of Richmond's most vibrant organizations, the Library and Radiate Art, to continue to provide their excellent programs for Town residents of all ages. As we all continue to navigate the pandemic and the unknowns of the future, it is important that these organizations have places to provide in-person activities for their Richmond clients. Besides providing educational and artistic opportunities, these activities can also be important for our mental health during this period of isolation.

When not in use by the Library or Radiate Art, members of the Historical Society and other groups could use the tables for small meetings during good weather. Community members will no doubt use them for a lunch or dinner break with "To Go" items from our local restaurants or as a place to connect in a safe environment with friends.

As a show of support, the Historical Society voted to make a donation of \$250 toward the purchase of the tables, should all the appropriate details of maintenance, storage, use, etc. be worked out with the Town.

Sincerely,
Fran Thomas
President Richmond Historical Society