

TOWN OF RICHMOND VERMONT

Application Form for Town Commissions, Boards and Committees

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Please supply the following information:

1) Review the scheduled meeting day/time of the Commission, Board, or Committee along with the length of the term of the position.

Will you be able to regularly make the meetings? **Yes / N**

Will you be able to serve for the term of the position? **Yes / N**

2) Please introduce yourself to the Selectboard by providing a short cover letter detailing your background, training, and experience with the board/commission/committee you are applying for and/or resume.

Name of Applicant: **Jon Kart**

Date: 3/19/2022

Phone Number: 802-999-7515

Email Address: jonjkart@hotmail.com

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: **Transportation Committee**

If you serve on another Commission/Board/ Committee, please indicate which one(s):

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood, Assistant Treasurer

Richmond Resident: **Yes / N** (circle one)

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March 19, 2022

Volunteer Search
Richmond Selectboard
P.O. Box 285, Richmond, VT 05477

Re: Appointment to the Transportation Committee

Esteemed Members of the Selectboard,

I would like to continue serving our community as a member of the Transportation Committee.

I have been a member since the Transportation Committee's inception in 2019. I understand the Committee's goals, objectives, and processes and I look forward to the opportunity to continue shepherding transportation projects through their cycle from conjuring to scoping to engineering to construction.

Skills that I offer the committee include grant writing, editing and public participation process management.

If re-appointed I would commit to serving the entire term to the best of my abilities.

I would be happy to meet with the Selectboard for an interview if so desired.

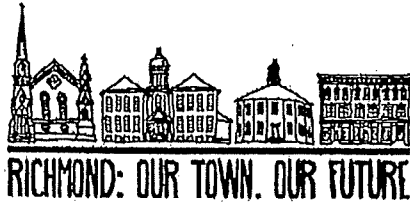
Thank you for this opportunity to serve our community.

Sincerely,



Jon Kart
44 Old Brooklyn Ct
Richmond

802-999-7515



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Name of Applicant: Allen Knowles Date: 04/13/2022

Phone Number: 716-378-2450 Email Address: knowles.allen3@gmail.com

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: Richmond Transportation Committee

If you serve on another Commission/Board/ Committee, please indicate which one(s):

N/A

Richmond Resident: Y N (circle one)

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From: Allen Knowles, 112 E Main St, Richmond, VT 05477

To: Richmond SelectBoard

04/13/2022

Re: Interest in re-appointment to the Richmond Transportation Committee

I have served on the Transportation Committee since October 2020 and would like to continue to do so. In the past 18 months I have gained some knowledge and experience with the planning process, the CCRPC, UPWP's and etc. I also am familiar with the RTC's planning and scoping projects to date and would like to work towards seeing completion of the engineering and construction phases.

To save looking for my original application statement from 2020, I am pasting it below in case anyone wants to review it.

Why Vermont from upstate NY? In short, family. Prior residence of 30 years was the Village of Allegany, NY. Why Richmond? Proximity to family in Williston and Middlebury and we found a "fixer-upper" to purchase and live in while we rehab it.

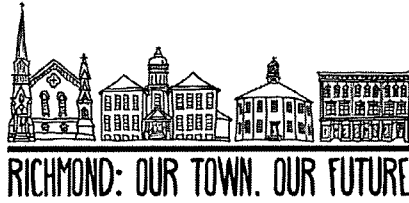
Professional status: Retired family physician; for the past few years we have been involved with a daughter and son-in-law in acquiring, improving and managing rental properties.

My wife is a retired LPN.

Interest in transportation: First, I participate and have formed opinions based on my experience. I do not have expert knowledge. I am a lifelong cyclist and my wife and I use bicycles for transportation insofar as is possible. This includes errands, touring, recreation, and in the past commuting. My longest tour was Allegany to Newfoundland and back last year, about 3600 miles (there were ferries involved). The prior year I rode around Lakes Huron and Superior. This year Covid precluded a tour but I still have about 4,000 miles of riding. I have experience of the infrastructure for bicycle transportation in NYS, PA, MA, ME, NH, VT, OR, ID, ON, QC, NS, NB, PE, and NL. I have ridden across VT a couple of times. Lately I have sampled the ways to bike from Richmond to stores at Tafts Corners, the Key Bank in S. Burlington, Waterbury, and so forth. We also walk locally to stores, the post office, the town drop box, etc.

Second, there are the issues of health and the environment, both of which I think can benefit from more walking, bicycling and E-bikes and less use of large motor vehicles. In truth, I bike because it is fun, but cities such as Portland, OR and European countries have found that if infrastructure makes biking easy and safe, it is used much more.

And lastly, I am not a "simplist". I do not think there is some easy answer to all this, and we cannot just banish cars. There are multiple and sometimes contrary transportation needs, and the best solutions are likely to be grounded in local detail. I think I have useful things to say about what works for the cyclist and the pedestrian. But I do own a car. Darn it.



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Name of Applicant: Cameron Wong

Date: 4/14/2022

Phone Number: (707) 318-9523

Email Address: Cameronofwong@gmail.com

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: Transportation Committee

If you serve on another Commission/Board/ Committee, please indicate which one(s):

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Hello,

My name is Cameron Wong and I would like to be considered for your open position on the Richmond Transportation Committee. I recently moved to Richmond from California. Though I have started working for the Howard Center here in Vermont, I still do freelance graphic design work for a private transportation company based in California. Through my work with the company, I've been exposed to the inner workings of transportation planning such as road diets, roundabouts, safe routes to schools, signal timing, bicycle and pedestrian safety, parking, transportation impact studies, and many other facets.

The vision of my former company was to take a holistic approach to complete street management with an emphasis on environmental impact, easing congestion, and improving safety on roads. I have been looking for an opportunity to get involved with my new community and I believe I can add useful input in order to improve upon Richmond's infrastructure.

I thank you for the opportunity and look forward to chatting with you!

Regards,

Cameron Wong