

**Richmond Vermont Selectboard**  
**Non-Binding Resolution In Support Of Safe Sharing of the Roadways**  
**May 2023**

**WHEREAS**, The Selectboard acknowledges that sharing of the roadways by all users is of paramount concern for the safety of all users,

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1033) requires drivers to yield to vulnerable users such as cyclists, pedestrians, and horses with a minimum of four feet of space, and requires that drivers not pass by crossing over the center line unless the left lane is free of oncoming traffic (23 V.S.A. § 1035),

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1035) requires that vehicles shall only pass vulnerable users by crossing to the left lane when the left lane is clearly open,

**WHEREAS**, consequent to 23 V.S.A. § 1033 and 23 V.S.A. § 1035, drivers should not attempt to pass cyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable users until it is possible to safely pass with a minimum of four feet of space,

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1055) requires that pedestrians walk on the left side of the roadway, facing traffic, when practicable and when no sidewalks are available,

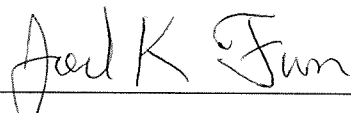
**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1139) requires that cyclists operate on the right hand side of the road, no more than two abreast,

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1141) requires that cyclists not operate a bicycle from one half hour after sunset until one half hour after sunrise without a clearly visible white light on the front of the bicycle and without either a red light or reflective, rear-facing materials or reflectors on the rear of the bicycle,

**WHEREAS**, common sense dictates that pedestrians walking or running along the shoulders or sides of roadways during the period from dusk until dawn dress in light or bright colors, with reflectors and/or lights, the better to be seen by drivers of vehicles,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that all residents and visitors to the town of Richmond shall operate on town roadways with due care for the rights and safety of other users, whether driving a vehicle, walking, riding a bicycle, or otherwise making use of the road, and shall obey all relevant Vermont state statutes.

Adopted by the Richmond Selectboard on May 1, 2023.



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Jay Furr, Selectboard Chair