

Re: Seeking Members for the Town Center Committee

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Town Manager Josh Arneson

Members of the Richmond Select Board

I am interested in becoming a candidate for one of the open positions on the Town Center and Library Building Committee. I have become interested in the rehabilitation of the town center building after touring the building before the recent bond vote. Although the building is in need of a significant amount of work, I believe that it is the best option for providing the facilities needed for our town services, and I hope that it can remain along with the attached Post Office and nearby library the center of action for the town of Richmond

I do not have experience in this type of building construction that directly relate to this work, but I do have some practical experience in designing and building my own home, and assisting with the building of homes for some relatives as well as what I consider Yankee ingenuity to find ways to get things done. In my previous profession as an Electrical and Systems Engineer I do have experience in project planning and management that emphasizes identifying requirements and goals for a project and monitoring the design to ensure that all parts of the project design, work toward meeting those goals and avoid costly nice to haves that can creep in.

Although I do support the rehabilitation of this building, I have many questions about the need for some of the changes being proposed. I am sure that many of my questions will be answered to my satisfaction by the committee members who have been working on this for years, but I am hopeful that by questioning these changes we can find some ways to reduce the cost to taxpayers so that this project can move forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael J. Storrs