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Dear Richmond Forest Steering Committee Members,

I want to share with you my interest in being considered a member involved with helping to implement the Andrews Community Forest Management Plan. The town forest plan looks amazing. A big shout-out to all of you that put so much time and energy into creating such a complete and detailed document.

I greatly value the town of Richmond and what it has to offer. I have been lucky to live here with my wife Jody and to have raised our two children here in this great community. For the past 30 years, I have been an educator, mainly here in the CESU district. Having lived here for the past 30 years, I know first hand about all this town has to offer on the outdoors /recreation front. From the fun ski hill that locals love, and that has produced a number of national and world-class level ski racers, to the great paddling on the Winooski, to all the hiking/ walking/running and biking trails, Richmond has some great outdoors offerings! For those that have or had young children, the town's sports and recreation fields are another local asset where kids and adults can enjoy sports and other recreational activities. Richmond it is a great spot to be when it comes to outdoors offerings! The new Andrews Community Forest has an opportunity to greatly add to the value of our town with all that it can provide to the residents. After reviewing the report, I am equally excited about what the forest can offer in terms of the cultural/educational and wildlife aspects that the land can provide. Access to wild and open spaces is a key ingredient to our well being and that is a big concern of mine. I would be interested in helping ensure that all aspects of the plan are closely followed.

I believe my background and skills could be of value to a group such as this. My education includes degrees in Environmental Studies-BA, Elementary Education BA, MA in Curriculum Development and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies C.A.G.S, in School Leadership. (Johnson State and Saint Michael's College) I am presently serving on an Athletic Hall of Fame Board at Johnson State College (now NVU). In the recent past, I have enjoyed time serving as a Richmond Library Trustee for several years.

If you need further information from me please let me know. I know several of you on the committee will recognize my name so perhaps they can also share pertinent information about me if needed.

Thanks for considering me.

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