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Richmond Selectboard
Town of Richmond
203 Bridge St.
Richmond, VT 05477

Dear Selectboard members,

Mary Houle has resigned from the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC). In response to Town Manager Josh Arneson's post on Front Porch Forum, Richmond citizen Max Krieger has applied for a position as a Conservation Commissioner.

Max attended our most recent meeting and was able to make helpful contributions to our discussions. His background as an outdoor enthusiast and his internship with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board make him an excellent candidate for this position.

Like Caitlin, Max is new and not weighted down with other commitments, and seems to be willing to put much needed time and effort into RCC matters. He is calm, personable and reasonable, key characteristics for participation in the discussions we have that have recently been volatile. The Conservation Commission heartily endorses Max's candidacy for the open seat, and hopes that the Selectboard will appoint him.

Rick Barrett has announced his resignation. The Conservation Commission unanimously voted to request that the Selectboard reduce the number of commissioners from 9 to 7. This and the loss of Mary will significantly reduce the RCC's institutional memory and knowledge of town proceedings. But the addition of Caitlin and Max, both younger members of the community, will infuse new ideas and possibly new directions into RCC work.

Thanks for considering our requests,

Judy Rosovsky

Richmond Conservation Commission