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August 12, 2021

To the Richmond Selectboard members,

My name is Gary Bressor and I am writing to ask you to appoint me fill the selectboard seat that has recently opened due to the resignation of one of your members. In order that the voters can elect the next selectboard member I would like to be appointed to fill the seat until the next Annual Town Meeting in March 2022. This will give candidates time to decide to run and to mount a normal campaign for the seat. I would not run for the seat in 2022.

While Richmond faces many challenges, it is important to recognize how far we have come in the past couple of decades. The business block of Bridge Street is a dynamic place thanks to Gabe Firman's Hatchet and Big Spruce, as well as Lisa Curtis's Sweet Simones. Stones Throw Pizza and Bret and Melissa Hamilton's Stone Corral Brewery are other businesses that keep the village active into the evening. We are very lucky to have Richmond Market and Richmond Home Supply in our village where many people can walk to them. The efforts of Jimmy Cochran and the whole Cochran family have taken the Cochran Ski area to new heights by turning it into a nonprofit and expanding night skiing and snowmaking in the winter, while creating a summer destination for mountain bikers (pre-Covid I talked with a couple of bikers from Montreal who said they regularly drive down to ride the trails on Cochran's and surrounding lands). The Richmond Trails Committee and other groups have added to this trail system and Richmond has become known as a town with great recreational opportunities that draw many people to live here.

It seems to me we are in a golden period in Richmond's existence, perhaps not seen since the early 1900's, when two men named Goodwin and Baker bought land in the village and built the Richmond Underwear Factory. They employed 125 people in the building on Millet Street, and the town had multiple grocery stores, a movie theater, and a car dealership.

Richmond's current good fortune is supported by, and would not be possible without, a strong town government and department leadership that is truly outstanding. The highway department, led by Pete Gosselin, does a remarkable job with both winter and summer maintenance (made harder due to the changing climate), and they found time to build the beautiful Overrocker Park parking area this spring.

Richmond has been unbelievably fortunate to have Kendall Chamberlain as head of the water resources department for decades. Kendall is an award-winning plant manager, and through his efforts Richmond has been awarded best tasting municipal drinking water in the state. As he gets closer to retirement, Kendall has worked tirelessly to improve the water and sewer system. Without Richmond's municipal systems there could not be a brewery or other restaurants in the village. The system has dramatically improved water quality in the Winooski River, as I

remember when much of the village dumped raw sewage directly into the river, and no one swam or floated down the river. Now hundreds, maybe thousands, of people come down the river every year.

I would like to add my voice to the Selectboard to help continue to make Richmond a wonderful place to live, raise a family, to work and play in, and I ask for your support in this endeavor.

Here are some of the things I have been involved with:

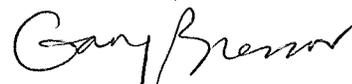
- Three terms on the Richmond Selectboard at various times, the first time in 1972 when I was 21 years old.
- Member of the first seven Town Center Committees that lead to the creation of the current town offices/post office/library campus.
- Founding member of Richmond Rescue.
- Former member of the Richmond Fire Department.
- Former Justice of the Peace on several terms.
- Planning Commission member for eight years.
- Served on the Board of Adjustment (the forerunner to the Development Review Board).
- Founding president of the Richmond Historical Society and board member for 48 years. For the past few decades I have overseen the work done to maintain the Round Church.
- Founding chair of the Richmond Land Trust and board member for thirty years.

In that time I started my own construction company, Richmond Restorations, at first working in historic preservation on covered bridges and buildings like the renovations of the round barns in Waitsfield and at Shelburne Museum. Later, when I was elected to be Richmond's representative in the Vermont House of Representatives and it was hard to take on long projects with the legislative schedule, I worked in Richmond doing additions and an occasional house for friends. In the past six years, I have transitioned to just working on a small development I have near the Round Church called Peaceable Kingdom, where I try to build energy efficient modern homes that look like they were built during the Federal and Greek Revival architectural periods (1800 to 1850).

If there is one thing I believe I can bring to the Selectboard, it is to think outside the box to find solutions to the town's current problems.

I know I have been involved in town government off and on for many years, and that this town seems to value new faces over old ones, but I do think it is good to have some members that have a long history with the place they are representing. I care deeply about this town, and I want to see it flourish long into the future. I hope you will select me to fill the seat.

Best wishes,


Gary Bressor



Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Selectboard opening

Jay Furr <jfurr@furrs.org>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 4:13 PM

To: Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>, Selectboard Bard Hill <bard.hill@richmondvt.org>, Selectboard David Sander <david.sander@richmondvt.org>, Selectboard June Heston <june.heston@richmondvt.org>, Christine Werneke <christine.werneke@richmondvt.org>, Linda Parent <lparent@richmondvt.gov>

Josh, Linda, members of the Selectboard,

I'd like to be considered as the temporary fill-in for the Selectboard seat vacated by Cody Quattrochi. I am sure that you'll get any number of qualified applicants and am more than happy to see the seat filled by one of them, but if on the off chance that no one else wants the slot ... well, as I said, I'd like to be considered. I understand that this position would run until the next town meeting or until any special town meeting that might be called pursuant to a petition bearing the signatures of 5% of town voters.

I have lived in Richmond since 2002. I am a current Justice of the Peace for Richmond. I have a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Tech (1990) and pursued, but wound up not completing, a PhD in public administration. I work as a software trainer, consultant, analyst, programmer, and jack-of-all-trades for athenahealth, a software company that evolved out of IDX Systems Corporation via GE Healthcare; I've been there since 1998.

I spent most of 2020 attending Selectboard meetings each week so I have a pretty good idea of what sort of work the position entails (although obviously I don't get to see the hours and hours of work you routinely put in to be prepared for the meetings). I haven't made it to very many meetings in 2021 because, as it happens, NAMI Vermont (National Alliance on Mental Illness - Vermont chapter) started a Monday evening peer support group that I lead on the first and third Mondays of each month. If I were to be appointed to fill the Selectboard seat, I'd swap with the people who do 2nd and 4th Mondays so I could attend the Selectboard.

I've been very active as part of the Richmond Racial Equity group since we started up in June of 2020, serving as webmaster, Zoom coordinator, and pretty much everything else IT-related.

Thank you for your time and for considering my application.

Cordially,

Joel K. 'Jay' Furr
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Richmond, VT 05477
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To Whom It May Concern

August 6, 2021

Mary Houle here, applying to fill the recently vacated Select Board seat for the remainder time allotted for that position.

I am a resident with loads of experience in Town Government and Town Affairs. Over about 15 years, I only missed 4 Select board meetings. This attendance record slightly preceded and immediately followed my six years on the Board. I served 4 years as a member, one year as Vice-Chair and a year at the Chairman seat. I sat through some pretty heated issues and conducted myself with respect for each presenting public member, Sel Bd member, and various departments.

When Trudy was in the Water Resource Dept, I made a couple site visits with her at homes where she had no response from letters mailed. No problems ensued from those visits and the issues were favorably resolved. When Wright Preston was the Health Officer, I made a site visit with him on a multi-family unit in the Village which was presented to the THO from a tenant. I also responded individually to certain complaints from both property owners and tenants. Each problem was solved without either party taking legal action.

Important for my consideration for the open slot is, when serving as a SB member some years ago, during the two 3-year terms, I had perfect attendance for the entire time and I came to each meeting fully prepared to conduct the Town business that was presented for consideration and for action for that particular meeting and that particular issue. Coming prepared is of extreme importance.

So, during the tenure I served on the Richmond Select Board, there was unbelievable personnel turnover and plenty of legal issues that presented to the Town. All were resolved reasonably well. At any time, I will gladly meet in Executive Session, absent the Town Manager, to detail what questions you may have about sensitive, and protected Exec Session Select Board meetings.

As I come to meetings related to Town business, I seldom come for a single issue and seldom have my own interest paramount in each discussion. There are a few exceptions to this.

Boards and volunteer service include:

- Select Board
- Board of Civil Authority
- Planning Commission, included a re-write of Town Plan
- Conservation Committee
- CCRPC rep (and the Municipal branch as well)
- CSWD rep
- Tree Committee (founding member)
- Master Gardener, Master Composter, State Certified Hemp Grower, SOUL graduate (Stewardship Of the Urban Landscape)
- Plantings at Town Center (10 years?)

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter,

Mary Houle



Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

FW: Open SB seat

1 message

Linda <lparent@richmondvt.gov>
To: Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 11:02 AM

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From: Katie Mather <idontwantalloys@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:23 AM

To: lparent@richmondvt.gov

Subject: Open SB seat

To the Richmond Select board,

I am writing to express my willingness to and interest in filling the seat recently vacated by Select board member Cody Quattrocci. Having very recently served, I believe I could quickly get up to speed with new issues while I am also still familiar with issues we have been dealing with in the last two and a half years.

I am currently working with Josh Arneson as a project “co-manager” on the redesign of the website, and would want to continue work on that project as a member of the board.

I would not seek re-election at the next opportunity, which would give the resident of Richmond an opportunity to actually vote on the person who will hold this seat for the coming two years.

Thanks you for all the work you do—I look forward to perhaps working with you again in service to our town.

Sincerely,
Katie Mather