

## RESOLUTION

### **GRANT OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Richmond owns, in fee, 30.2 acres, more or less, of real property along Stage Road in Richmond known and referred to as the Stage Road Community Forest (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property possesses significant natural, ecological, scenic, habitat, and open space values which reflect the unique character of the Town of Richmond and are of great importance to the people of Richmond and the State of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Land Trust, Inc. is a publicly supported non-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Vermont the principal purpose of which is to preserve undeveloped and open space land in order to protect the scenic, recreational, cultural, educational, and natural resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of the Property as open space land is consistent with and in furtherance of the Town Plan adopted by the Town of Richmond, the regional plan adopted by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and the purposes set forth in 10 V.S.A. §§ 821 and 6301;

WHEREAS, the Selectboard believes that it is in the interests of the Town to preserve the Property in a natural and undisturbed/undeveloped condition for future generations and an efficient means to do so is to convey to the Richmond Land Trust, Inc. the development rights on the property and a perpetual conservation easement;

WHEREAS, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Selectboard gave conceptual approval of the form of the proposed conservation easement and its execution, and posted notice of the intended conveyance of the development rights and conservation easement to Richmond Land Trust in at least three public places within the Town, one of which was in or near the Richmond Town Clerk’s office, and published notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town pursuant to requirements in 24 V.S.A. § 1061;

WHEREAS, no petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the legal voters of the Town was presented to the Town Clerk objecting to the conveyance within the time specified by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond Selectboard Chair, David Sander, is hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to execute the

conservation easement and deliver the same, together with other necessary documents, to Richmond Land Trust on the terms specified in the 1061 notice.

DATED at Richmond, Vermont this 6th day of July 2020.

TOWN OF RICHMOND SELECTBOARD

---

David Sander, Chair

---

Bard Hill, Vice Chair

---

Roger Brown

---

Katie Mather

---

Christine Werneke