



TOWN OF RICHMOND VERMONT

Application Form for Town Commissions, Boards and Committees

Please submit your application to: Volunteer Search, P.O. Box 285, Richmond, VT 05477, by email to jarneson@RichmondVT.gov or by placing it in the drop box outside the Town Office by April 14, 2021. Water & Sewer Commission applications are due June 2, 2021. Development Review Board (DRB) applications are due by March 31, 2021.

Please supply the following information:

1) Review the scheduled meeting day/time of the Commission, Board, or Committee along with the length of the term of the position. Will you be able to regularly make the meetings? Y N
Will you be able to serve for the term of the position? Y N

2) Please introduce yourself to the Selectboard by providing a short cover letter detailing your background, training, and experience with the board/ commission/ committee you are applying for and/or resume.

Name of Applicant: _____ Daniel Schmidt _____ Date: _____ 4/12/21 _____

Phone Number: _____ 802-922-3560 _____ Email Address: _____ schmidt.danielpaul@gmail.com _____

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: _____ Conservation Commission _____

If you serve on another Commission/Board/ Committee, please indicate which one(s):

Richmond Resident: Y / N (circle one)

For hard copies or accessibility accommodations please contact:
Josh Arneson at 434-5170 or jarneson@richmondvt.gov

Thank you for considering my application to serve on Richmond's Conservation Commission. I've lived or worked in the Richmond/Huntington area for the last eight years and have a deep appreciation for the rivers, fields and forests in this part of the Green Mountains. I've worked in the field of conservation for twenty years and would bring to this position a passion for our local ecology and a collaborative spirit.

For the past five years, I've worked at the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. In my current role, as the Chief Program Officer, I work closely with both our Conservation and Farm programs to create a dynamic experience that connects young people with the natural world. Prior to this, I was the Education Manager at the Green Mountain Audubon Center in Huntington, leading science education programs on topics ranging from Forest Management for Birds to Pond Ecology. And before that, I taught a variety of ecology classes at CCV including Field Biology, Wetland Ecology, and Environmental Science. The common thread that runs through these career paths is my desire to not just implement conservation projects but to engage a wide variety of people in those projects. Through the process of literally getting our hands dirty—pulling invasives, planting riparian trees, building erosion control structures— we create connections that have a lasting impact.

Prior to Vermont, I completed a PhD in Physical Geography from the University of California, Berkeley and spent many years researching the effects of climate change on tropical ecosystems. I also worked in a variety of secondary and post-secondary schools and have a passion for facilitating experiences in the outdoors. My career path has always meandered between education and science, and I'm fortunate to have found a position at VYCC where I can wear both my educator hat and ecologist hat.

My interest in the natural world is always changing but birds and amphibians continually make it to the top of my list. The years I spent at Audubon helped me really see (and hear!) the bird life that constantly surrounds us. I also became fascinated by amphibians after my first night spent shuttling salamanders across Sherman Hollow Rd. Then again, I would love to be better at identifying dragon and damselflies. There are so many things to get excited about!

Thanks for reviewing my application and I look forward to hearing from you all.

Warmly,

Daniel Schmidt

Conservation Commission Application

My name is Kathryn (Kate) Kreider and my family has lived in Richmond since 2012. I am a member of the trails committee and I have also applied for serving on the Recreation Committee this year. I recently learned more about the Conservation Commission from a current member who attended one of our trails committee meetings. I feel very fortunate to live in such a beautiful town with many outdoor areas for the public to enjoy and recreate in. I would like to become more involved in my community and give back to our great town. I am interested in playing an active role in helping to manage and preserve the local natural resources in our town. Although I do not have any previous experience in natural resource management, I am very interested in learning about our natural resources in Richmond, how they are managed, and the process of reviewing and approving requests for funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

Kate Kreider

To Whom It May Concern,

I am excited to volunteer my time to the Richmond Conservation Commission. Although, I have only lived in Richmond for a short time, I absolutely love it here and understand the importance of conservation efforts in the immediate and surrounding area. Prior to moving to Vermont, I was involved in a variety of different natural resource and conservation related projects out west such as geographic response planning, riparian restoration, vegetation mapping, digital forest restoration, and more. Over the years I've had the opportunity to work on a number of teams comprised of a variety of team members and partners. In my recent post at The Nature Conservancy, I worked with private sector industries, public agencies, and a large stakeholder group on the largest forest restoration project in Forest Service history known as the Four Forest Initiative (4FRI). I was tasked to communicate with partners to understand their needs and develop a digital workflow that would increase efficiency and improve outcomes by enhancing the exchange of information and communication between collaborators. Beyond that, I truly enjoy working as part of a team to accomplish shared objectives and I believe firmly that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It would be my pleasure to volunteer my time and experience towards the work being done by the Richmond Conservation Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Kindly,
Steve Fugate

Dear Josh,

April 24, 2021

I write to indicate my interest in serving as an alternate member of the Richmond Conservation Commission. I have brought to bear my skills and knowledge in ecology, conservation planning, and climate adaptation to the RCC in the past, and I currently do so on the Planning Commission and Andrews Community Forest Committee. To facilitate communication between the ACF and RCC, I would be glad to join the RCC again, as an alternate.

Thank you,

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