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Name of Applicant: Greg Tucker Date: 4/10/2021

Phone Number: 802-434-248 Email Address: greghtucker@gmail.com

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: Weigher of Cod

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

Richmond Resident Y / N (circle one)

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Name of Applicant: Joel K. 'Jay' Furr Date: 4/10/2021

Phone Number: 802-324-1536 Email Address: jfurr@furrs.org

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: Weigher of Coal

If you serve on another Commission/Board/ Committee, please indicate which one(s): I am a Richmond Justice of the Peace.

Richmond Resident: Y / N (circle one)

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Application for position of Weigher of Coal

1 message

Jay Furr <jfurr@furrs.org>

Sat, Apr 10, 2021 at 7:58 PM

To: Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>, kdaubstearns@richmondvt.gov

Dear Josh, Kathy, and members of the Selectboard,

Please find attached my for the position of Richmond Weigher of Coal.

I have been Richmond Weigher of Coal since 2015. (Last year Jeff Forward and I both asked for the position and the Selectboard decided to appoint both of us, so now there are two slots.)

I could say that I've weighed all the coal that I've been asked to weigh, but so far no one has asked me to weigh any. Should that change (I believe Richmond would have to acquire an official municipal set of scales first) I am ready to go! Ten cents for the first ton and four cents for each additional ton is a generous stipend and I've already contemplated what I might do with the income! (See: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/32/017/01677>)

I understand that the position is one of great import and responsibility and I appreciate you taking the time to decide if I'm the right person for the job.

Thanks,

Jay Furr

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Name of Applicant: _Jeff Forward_____

Date: ___3/24/2021_____

Phone Number: ___802-735-3026_____

Email Address: ___forward@gmavt.net_____

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: _____Weigher of Coal_____

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

Richmond Resident: Yes for 40 years

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Energy Coordinator and Coal Weigher

Jeff Forward <jeffrey.w.forward@gmail.com>
To: Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 9:13 PM

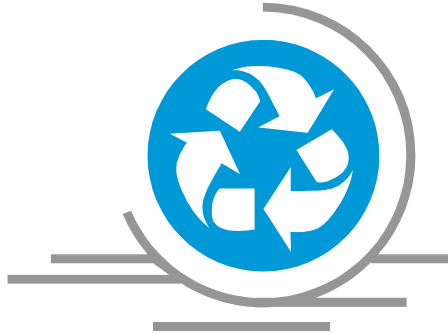
Josh,

I would like to re-up for Town Energy Coordinator and the coveted Coal Weigher positions. I think they all know me and my qualifications. I would also like to continue serving on the Town Center Committee.

Let me know if you need anything else form me to apply.

Jeff

Jeff Forward, LEED® AP
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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

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January 1, 2021

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Company History

FORWARD THINKING CONSULTANTS, LLC

Jeff Forward is Principal of Forward Thinking Consultants, LLC. For more than 25 years Mr. Forward has worked with hundreds of schools, hospitals and other institutional facilities throughout the country to help them evaluate their energy opportunities related to biomass, solar and energy efficiency technologies. He was the original School Wood Energy Program Manager for the Biomass Energy Resource Center and developed the Fuels for Schools Program that is the model for states interested in promoting modern wood heating in schools including Vermont.

In addition to his biomass expertise, Mr. Forward has worked with Efficiency Vermont to facilitate energy efficiency projects in schools throughout the state. He is well versed on the technologies and the funding opportunities that schools can use to accomplish all kinds of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Mr. Forward is a known and trusted energy advisor to the Vermont school community. He is a US Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED® Accredited Professional and the USGBC Green School Advocate for Vermont.

Mr. Forward is a former Chair of the Board of Directors for Renewable Energy Vermont, the state renewable energy trade association. Mr. Forward's volunteer service includes serving as a school board director for the Mount Mansfield Union School District from 2000-2011. He has been Richmond's Town Energy Coordinator since 1992 and is also the chair of Richmond's Town Energy Committee.

For more detail on Mr. Forward's experience, see the attached resume.

JEFFREY W. FORWARD LEED® AP

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WORK EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT 2005 - PRESENT
Richmond Energy Associates, LLC/Forward Thinking Consultants, LLC Richmond, Vermont

Mr. Forward re-established his consulting firm to provide consulting services to school districts and design firms to help them evaluate their renewable energy and energy efficiency opportunities. Both Richmond Energy and Forward Thinking help assess the potential for using alternative energy in institutional settings and help develop individual projects. Mr. Forward is currently working with federal and state agencies from several states to help them design and implement alternative technology initiatives. Mr. Forward is a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences on the topic of green technologies for institutional applications.

PROGRAM MANAGER 2002 - 2005
Biomass Energy Resource Center Montpelier, Vermont

The Biomass Energy Resource Center is a national non-profit organization that promotes and facilitates the use of biomass for energy in a variety of applications. Mr. Forward was responsible for managing two programs: the School Wood Energy Program which facilitates school wood energy projects and helps states develop programs to promote that concept; and the Farm Methane Program to help dairy farmers consider and install methane recovery systems to better manage their waste while producing renewable energy.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT 1997 - 2002
Richmond Energy Associates, LLC Richmond, Vermont

Mr. Forward established this consulting firm to provide consulting services to a variety of businesses and organizations on energy efficiency and renewable energy program design and implementation. For example, Mr. Forward facilitated the development and implementation of statewide energy efficiency building codes for both residential and commercial new construction in Vermont. This included working with a variety of disparate stakeholders, drafting of administrative rules and ultimately the development and delivery of energy code training workshops and materials. Mr. Forward also was hired by the Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) to co-manage the Vermont Methane Program, a program developed to evaluate the barriers and the opportunities for Vermont dairy farmers to adopt methane recovery technology for renewable energy production.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SPECIALIST 1990-1997
Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) Montpelier, Vermont

As a DPS employee, Mr. Forward wrote federal grants; designed and coordinated the development of several statewide energy efficiency programs; negotiated many details of program implementation with utility representatives; wrote sections of several state plans including the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan and State of Vermont Energy Emergency Plan; facilitated and coordinated complicated processes such as the Governor's Task Force on Residential Building Standards; made presentations to the Public Service Board, the legislature, various professional conferences and the public on a wide range of information and issues; worked closely with legislative committees to draft legislation and to work on its passage; and worked with local communities to adopt energy efficiency technology in public buildings.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

RENEWABLE ENERGY VERMONT

2012 - 2019

Mr. Forward is a former Chair of the Board of Renewable Energy Vermont (REV). REV is a 501(c)(6) trade association that represents hundreds of renewable energy businesses in Vermont. REV's mission is to support and promote renewable energy businesses in Vermont through: public education, business promotion, business networking opportunities, offering training and job/internship opportunities, lobbying and shaping energy policy in Montpelier. Under Mr. Forward's leadership, REV completed a critical strategic planning process and tripled its staff.

MOUNT MANSFIELD UNION SCHOOL BOARD

2000 - 2011

Mr. Forward was an elected school board director representing the Town of Richmond on the 15-member board of one of the larger school districts in the Vermont. He served on the Budget Committee, the Facilities Committee and was the chair of the Curriculum Committee for 5 years. On the Curriculum Committee, Mr. Forward led the development of comprehensive guidelines for considering new curricular and co-curricular activities. Mr. Forward also worked with the business manager to develop a capital budget for the district and helped develop a plan for replacing a dozen antiquated electric transformers. All three of the Mount Mansfield District schools heat with wood.

RICHMOND TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR/TOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE

1992 - PRESENT

Through this appointed position and his professional expertise, Mr. Forward was able to convince the local Mount Mansfield Union School Board to convert all three schools in the district from expensive electric space heat to woodchip boilers. The district is now saving in excess of \$150,000 per year in energy costs by using this clean, local, renewable energy resource. Working with the Town Select Board and the Richmond Climate Action Committee, Mr. Forward helped create a comprehensive Town Energy Conservation Policy that is now a model for several towns across the state. He is currently chair of the Richmond Climate Action Committee and active in the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network.

VERMONT SYSTEMS PLANNING COMMITTEE

2018 - PRESENT

The Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC) is a collaborative body comprised of representatives of stakeholder groups with an interest in electric system reliability. Its purpose is to ensure full, fair, and timely consideration of all societally cost-effective solutions to resolve electric grid reliability issues. Mr. Forward serves as the appointed alternate representing the commercial sector.

RELEVANT EDUCATION AND SKILLS

COMMUNITY PLANNING DEGREE

1990

Woodbury College, Montpelier, VT

The Woodbury College Community Planning Program focused on land-use planning issues, land-use law, community organizing and mediation.

LEED® ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL

2007

US Green Building Council

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. Mr. Forward has been accredited by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) to help building owners achieve LEED certification for their buildings. He is now the USGBC Green Schools Advocate for Vermont.

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REFERENCES

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Name of Applicant: Noa Younse Date: April 12, 2021

Phone Number: 805.540.4449 Email Address: nyounse@gmail.com

Name of Commission/ Board/ Committee: Weigher Of Coal Volunteer Position

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

Richmond Resident: Y / N (circle one)

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April 12, 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Noa Younse and I would like to volunteer for one of the two *Weigher of Coal* positions for this upcoming season. While this appears to be a mostly antiquated and ceremonial role, I'd still like to take part in helping to shape our community and continue to uphold the duty of weighing coal.

In the event that some coal is ever to be weighed, I do have a few tools that would be up for the task:

- For small items no larger than a pomelo I have a small electronic scale that is extremely precise.
- If there are larger items that happen to be regular 3d volumes I have a tape measure and the computer software to calculate the approximate volume which can then be cross referenced with an appropriate density figure to find a weight.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Noa Younse

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