Hi Josh,

I am interested in volunteering for the Richmond Planning Commission.

I have lived in Richmond since 2013 and after settling into town it's time for me to volunteer some of my time to my community. I have lived in South Hero where I served on the School Board for two terms and I have lived in South Burlington where I served on the City Planning Commission. I like volunteering for my community learning about the issues and opportunities facing our town and making meaningful connections within the community with neighbors.

My entire professional career has been in public service and my experiences should provide value for the Town of Richmond and its planning efforts. I have worked for two State Legislatures, New York and Vermont as a Policy Analyst and Fiscal Analyst, respectively. I was General Manager of the Chittenden County Transportation Authority (now GMT) for ten years and developed a program expansion plan that I achieved over the course of 10 years, which brought public transit service to Richmond. Currently I am employed by the State of Vermont. My first position in the Executive Branch was as the Director of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development. This division had primary responsibility for all statewide transportation planning, as well as a component unit of other statewide plans, like the State Comprehensive Energy Plan. I am currently employed as the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services for the State of Vermont.

I have experience working on several boards and commissions in my professional work as well and currently serve on 8 State Committees that distribute grant funds or conduct planning activities. I also have general awareness of grant opportunities for the town outside of planning from the State and would be happy to assist the town in providing knowledge about such opportunities, if needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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