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Hello Richmond Select Board,

I am writing to express my interest in being reappointed to the Richmond Conservation Commission. In October of 2014 I was appointed for about six months to fill out the end of a vacated seat that expired in April of 2015. I was then appointed for a four-year term, which I have now served. I wish to continue to remain on the Commission. I feel I have been a committed RCC member and have brought value to RCC through my service and support of our Chair and our committee work.

In 2017, on behalf of RCC, I served on the Richmond Town Forest Steering committee with Guy Roberts as one of the two RCC members of the large and diverse committee. I was chosen as one of the five people who made the final choices of the members of the Richmond Community Forest Management Committee. I went to all the RCC meetings that I could—only rarely missing them, and I play an active role in the committee conversations and efforts. I contribute through reading the minutes carefully and offering editing comments, and I often edit other documents we write. I do my best to support our excellent Chair, Judy Rosovsky, by volunteering for tasks like chairing a committee meeting in her rare absence, attending to a state-wide conference of Vermont conservation commissions, assisting with Green-Up Day communications with past years' active participants, and other tasks.

As I have shared in the past, I have an undergraduate degree with a joint major in geology and northern studies, and a M.S. in environmental studies. I worked for 23 1/2 years in the UVM Environmental Program as an undergraduate advisor and educator. I have long had a strong interest in land conservation, ecology and natural history. I very often am out hiking and appreciating the natural areas and trails in Richmond, and I am very interested in how decisions are made with the Conservation Reserve Fund, and in helping to maintain the natural and historical resources and values of Richmond.

I have enjoyed these four and a half years on the board and wish to continue to serve the Commission and the town of Richmond. I consider it a privilege and an honor to serve the town on the Conservation Commission. I will do all I can to continue to serve it well and represent the town as best I can during a second full term. It feels good to take part in the community in this way and to do what I can for the benefit of all Richmond's citizens, and the land, water and wildlife. I am very interested in helping to maintain Richmond's character and increasing public land availability for all.

Can you please add my name to the list to be presented to the Select Board for consideration for re-appointment to the Conservation Committee? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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