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My name is Alison Aiken, and I'm extremely interested in the open position on the Richmond Trails Committee. I'm a passionate trail runner who has spent my 14+ years living in Richmond running the Cochran's Trail network, the River trail, the trails behind the VYCC property, the dirt roads of Richmond and Huntington, and most recently the new Chamberlin Hill trail system on Johnnie Brook Road. Now with two young children we love exploring all the trails as a family (and looking out for Gryla!)

My love of trails started as a child cross country skiing on the trails on my grandparents property in Northfield, hiking in the Green mountains, and helping my father, an avid hiker and current Green Mountain Club board member with trail maintenance projects. I have spent a lifetime exploring trails and trail networks and poring over maps with my dad. I have a strong appreciation for what trails do for communities and for physical and emotional health.

I have long appreciated and supported the work that the Trails Committee does, and I want to up my own contribution to our town and community.

Please consider me for the open position on the committee. I bring interest, energy, a willingness to work and get dirty, and huge enthusiasm for giving back to our community.

Thanks for your consideration.

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