

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richmond Selectboard

FROM: Ravi Venkataraman, Town Planner

DATE: November 13, 2020

SUBJECT: DRB alternate member appointment

The Town of Richmond Development Review Board (DRB) currently has an opening for an alternate member.

In response, I posted a call for volunteers to fill the open positions on October 12, 2020 and on October 20, 2020, with a closing date for letters of interest on October 28, 2020. I received a letter of interest from the following applicant:

- David Schnakenberg

Schnakenberg's letter of interest is enclosed for your consideration. He has expressed interest to serve on both the Planning Commission and the DRB. No policy would prevent him from serving on both Town boards; in fact, Alison Anand serves as a DRB alternate member and a Planning Commission member. The Planning Commission is currently reviewing applicants for its vacant position, and will provide the Selectboard a recommendation on the slate of applicants during the Selectboard's next meeting.

To facilitate action, I have prepared the following draft motion:

Appoint David Schnakenberg for the vacant alternate member position

I, _____, move to appoint David Schnakenberg as an alternate member, term expiring June 2024, to the Town of Richmond Development Review Board.



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Richmond Planning Commission and Development Review Board

David Schnakenberg <david.schnakenberg@gmail.com>
To: rvenkataraman@richmondvt.gov

Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 7:28 PM

Ravi,

My name is David Schnakenberg, and I'm a resident of Richmond interested in joining one of the two above-referenced boards. I am a zoning and land use attorney (I practice in New York City). Before joining my current firm, I was general counsel to the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals, which is New York City's zoning and land use appeals board. In that capacity, I have extensive experience adjudicating land use and zoning applications. I have also been part of working groups within the New York City Department of City Planning, where I've participated in the drafting of zoning text amendments, including the city's recent mandatory inclusionary housing text amendment.

I've love to touch base and hear more about the needs of either board, in the hopes that I might be a good fit.

If needed, I would submit Roger Brown as a local reference.

Regards,
David

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David Schnakenberg <david.schnakenberg@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 10:54 AM

To: Ravi Venkataraman <rvenkataraman@richmondvt.gov>

Wow, Wednesday evenings are ideal. If there is room on both the DRB and the Planning Commission I'd love to join both. If you'd rather have someone else fill either role, that's ok with me too, of course, just let me know.

I should note that once the world returns to something resembling pre-Covid days, I may be in NYC for business on some Wednesdays. If that's the case I will know in advance. Is participation via zoom or conference call acceptable? Obviously I will do my best to schedule around meetings but sometimes I can't help it.

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