

March 30, 2020

Dear Richmond Selectboard,

I am writing to express my interest in filling a vacant position on the Richmond Trails Committee. My motivation and dedication to trail work would be valuable assets for the group. I have always found the hard effort of maintaining trails fun and rewarding. Just as importantly, I enjoy the process of planning and working with landowners to make trails possible. I find great satisfaction in giving back to the trails and community that I find so important.

I have previous experience on the Board of Directors for Pine Hill Park in Rutland during the 2013 and 2014 seasons. During my time in Waterbury, I did extensive trail work at Perry Hill, including clearing 14 trees after a winter storm. While living in Burlington, I helped maintain the Centennial Woods and Salmon Hole trails after they had almost disappeared due to neglect. I contributed to the Intervale and Ethan Allen networks as well. Last summer I found IPT at Cochran's overgrown, so I removed 8 fallen trees and trimmed back branches for the entire length of the trail.

Now that I am a resident of Richmond, I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the great community my wife and I have found here. I am an active member of Richmond Rescue, but would also like to volunteer my time towards a major reason we decided to call this area home – the trails.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ben Reller

(315) 256-8566

256 Dugway Road